

NOMINATE YOUR RADIOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AND TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is your chance to put forward the name of the Radiographer and Radiography Team who you think deserves to be recognised for their excellent work.

There are many reasons why radiographers like you decide to put forward the name of an individual and a team so that they can be recognised by the profession and by the public.

Winners receive extensive publicity in *Synergy News* and in the local, regional and national media.

"The awards are the ideal opportunity to raise the profile of radiographers and the work that they do," says Zena Mitton, the Society's President.

"It means so much to the nominees, their colleagues, family and friends. One of the highlights is the presentations, which take place at the House of Commons before an invited audience of the 'great and the good' of radiography, plus members of parliament and a high profile guest who presents the awards."

Another benefit is that the profile of the individual's or team's department increases dramatically.

"Everyone in the hospital from the chief executive to the department manager are aware that a member of staff or a team has won a high profile, nationally recognised award," Richard Evans, the SCoR's chief executive comments.

"In addition, it is a brilliant opportunity to gain greater recognition for the profession and the work that radiographers do. We all get frustrated when patients and even other health professionals don't have the first idea of our role, either in diagnostic or therapeutic radiography.

"Every year when the awards are held, awareness of who we are and what we do increases as the media helps us to celebrate some of the best practitioners in the profession."

'Work ethic and commitment is an example to all'



Rose Isaccs, a breast screening specialist who works with patients in the West Midlands, won the 2007 UK individual award for her programme to get more women with learning difficulties to come forward for breast screening.

Only four out of 10 women with learning disabilities who were eligible for breast screening were responding. Thanks to Rose's work, much of it in her own time, uptake increased to 73 per cent.

Fellow radiographer, Judith Rotherby, who nominated Rose for the title, was full of praise. She said: "Rose's work ethic and commitment is an example to everyone. Her care and compassion for patients is widely recognised by her colleagues."

'She is an inspiration to the entire team'



Emma Dawson-Moray, a senior practitioner at Harefield Hospital, was nominated by London Region following her fight to recover from a brain tumour:

"Emma was determined to get back to work and her patients as quickly as possible," said her colleague, Tracey Morton, who put forward Emma for the award.

"Throughout her recovery, Emma remained cheerful. She is an inspiration to the entire team at Harefield. She is dedicated to her job and always puts patients first," Tracey continued. "She is an example of courage to us all."



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'An accomplished and knowledgeable professional'



An Edinburgh radiographer who has raised large amounts of money for charity, battled with cancer three times, and has been involved in the forensic identification of victims of tragedies, was Scotland's 2007 Radiographer of the Year

Dawn Williams, who works at the Royal Infirmary, was nominated by fellow radiographer, Kirsty Weston, who was full of praise: "Dawn is an accomplished and knowledgeable professional who works as a cardio-vascular specialist and in A&E."

Kirsty continued, "Her outstanding contribution is her tireless dedication to charity work and fundraising, which has continued even when she has been receiving treatment for cancer."

'Team members accepted additional workload without complaint'



During a time of severe radiographer shortages, members of the Diagnostic Imaging Team at Bronglais Hospital suffered a series of difficult and sad events.

Since 2003 the department had staff members or immediate family suffering from terminal illnesses. Naturally, because of the relatively small size of the department, individual absences could have greatly impacted the ability to deliver services to patients. However, each team member accepted additional workload without complaint, enabling imaging services to run seamlessly.

The staff showed exceptional commitment and professionalism in the face of adversity. For their efforts they were awarded UK Team of the Year in 2007.

Dramatically reducing waiting lists



The Radiology Team at the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust showed real professionalism by dramatically reducing waiting lists.

In January 2006 the waiting list for ultrasound was at 19 weeks. At the time of being nominated for the award, it was down to three weeks. CT was at 13 weeks reduced to two.

All this was achieved with no additional resources. The radiology department is used by the trust as an example of what can be achieved through re-design of the service.

Radiographers in many extended roles



In 2001, the Radiotherapy Team at Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust became the first department in the UK to treat routinely with IMRT outside a trial and from this point it has gone from strength to strength.

The department is a relatively small unit with three linear accelerator units. The team now uses IMRT routinely where there is a dose benefit in radiotherapy treatments, especially for head and neck techniques. Ipswich is also moving into using IGRT for prostate, lung and breast treatments.

The team has radiographers in many extended roles from radiographer led planning, mould room, mark up, image review and patient follow-up. Overall the department creates a supportive multi-disciplinary environment for staff including forward thinking clinical oncologists, innovative physicists and dedicated radiographers.

NOMINATION FORM



Nominations for **SoR UK Radiographer of the Year 2008** and **SoR UK Team of the Year 2008** should only be made on this form, which may be photocopied. Additional hard copies are available from Gill Smith on 020 7740 7203 and it is available to download from the front page of the members' area of www.sor.org.

Please provide as much information as possible. The more details you provide as to why your nominees should win, the more chance they have of success. The judges can only go on the evidence that nominators supply.

Please ensure the form is returned to your regional committee/national council by the date they have requested (see over). This is to ensure that they have sufficient time to consider nominations before forwarding their choice to Society HQ.

Please ensure that you have the agreement of the person/team you are nominating and that they would be prepared to attend the SoR UK Radiographer of the Year and SoR UK Team of the Year presentation ceremony at the House of Commons, London on 6 November 2008. Please write as clearly as possible.

Name of person making the nomination

Your telephone number.....

Name of person or team being nominated and where they work.....

Their telephone number.....

Brief details of their career/work. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).....

Please explain why you believe your nominee deserves the title SoR UK Radiographer of the Year 2008/ SoR UK Team of the Year 2008. (Continue on a separate sheet if you need more space.)

Please sign and date below. This is to confirm that you are member of the Society of Radiographers and that the person you are nominating is also a member, or that the team contains at least one SoR member.

Signature.....

Date.....



1. How the awards work

SoR members making a nomination for either the SoR UK Radiographer of the Year or the SoR UK Team of the Year are also nominating their choice for a regional/country award. For example, if you live in the south-east, you will send your nominees to the south-east regional committee (see below). From the entries received, the committee will choose regional winners for the two awards, which they will forward to SoR headquarters as the regional entries for the UK titles.

2. Nominations

Any member of the Society of Radiographers can nominate another member for the SoR UK Radiographer of the Year and/or a team for SoR UK Team of the Year, as long as at least one member of the team is an SoR member. Nominations for multi-disciplinary teams are welcome.

Non-members are not eligible to make nominations. The person/team being nominated must agree to being nominated and, if they should win either their regional/national award, or the UK award, should be willing to attend a presentation ceremony at the House of Commons, London on 5 November 2008.

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form overleaf. It is available in hard copy form from Gill Smith at 020 7740 7203 and it is available to download from the front page of the members' area of www.sor.org.

Each regional committee/national council will choose from the nominations received a regional/national winner for both awards. They will then forward the details by 5 September 2008 to Christina Freeman at SoR headquarters in London.

From the nominees forwarded by the regional committees/national councils, a panel of judges consisting of the Society's President, President-Elect and Chief Executive Officer will choose the SoR UK Radiographer of the Year 2008 and SoR UK Team of the Year 2008. Their decision will be final.

Only nominations received from the regional committees/national councils will be considered for the title SoR UK Radiographer of the Year and SoR UK Team of the Year.

The regional committees/national councils have asked that nominations be sent to the following people by the date indicated:

Eastern Laura Crighton, X-ray Department, West Suffolk Hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 2QZ by 27 June.

London Joyce Austin, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, Radiology Department, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PT. Tel: 020 8661 3220. E-mail joyceaustin@hotmail.com by 15 July.

Midlands Fiona King, 37 Laurel Road, Loughborough LE11 2NL by 7 June.

Northern Ireland Gill Hodges, Clinical Tutor, The Cancer Centre, Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7AB by 1 August.

Northern Pat Duffy, X-Ray Department, South Tyneside District Hospital, Harton Lane, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE34 0PL by 27 July.

North West Christine Salthouse, Radiology Department, Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester M9 7AA. Nominations also welcome by e-mail to christinesalthouse@hotmail.com by 31 July.

Scotland Evelyn Neilson, Radiology Department, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, 9 Sciennes Road, Edinburgh EH9 1LF. Tel: 0131 536 0255. E-mail: neilsonevie@aol.com by 18 August.

South East Mal Marston, Department of Radiology, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton, SO16 6YD. Tel: 02380 777222 ext 8062. Email mal.marston@suht.swest.nhs.uk by 1 August.

South West Dawn Brunning, Nuclear Medicine Department, Oncology, Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham GL53 7AN, email dawn.brunning@glos.nhs.uk by 18 July.

Wales Kevin Tucker, Superintendent Radiographer, Chepstow Community Hospital, Tempest Way, Chepstow NP16 5YX. Tel / Ffôn: 01291 636680. E-mail/E-bost: Kevin.Tucker@gwent.wales.nhs.uk by 30 June.

Yorkshire & North Trent Tracey Taylor, AFC Office, 1st Floor Corporate Personnel, THQ, St James Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS9 7TF. Tel: 0113 2066657. E-mail: traceytaylor@leedsth.nhs.uk by 30 June.

3. Criteria

Each nomination for SoR UK Radiographer of the Year and SoR UK Team of the Year must be made on this official nomination form (photocopies of the form are acceptable) and be supported by a statement describing why the nominee deserves the title. In addition, a resume of their career/work is required. The judges will want to know why the individual/team should win the award. Preference will be given to nominations for high standards of patient care but others will be considered.

4. Prizes

The prize for the SoR UK Radiographer of the Year is £250, a Fujifilm digital camera, plus a certificate commemorating the award. Each regional/national winner will also receive £100, a Fujifilm digital camera, and a certificate.

The prize for the SoR UK Team of the Year is £250, a plaque and certificates. Each regional/national winning team will also receive £100.