

ANS Policies and Procedures

Campbell and Kondelos Awards and Award Lectures

Purpose

This document describes the policy and procedures for selecting the AW Campbell and Nina Kondelos awardees, and for organising the associated Award Lectures that may be given at the ANS Annual Meeting.

Scope

The policy applies to the ANS Executive, ANS Annual Meeting Local Organising Committee (LOC) and ANS membership.

Background

ANS Award Lectures were introduced in 2017 to acknowledge significant research accomplishments of ANS members. The two ANS award lectures recognise the AW Campbell Award and the Nina Kondelos Award.

1. AW Campbell Award Lecture. The AW Campbell Award commemorates this eminent Australian neurologist whose "Histological studies on the localisation of cerebral function" in 1905 founded cerebral cytoarchitectonics.
2. Nina Kondelos Award Lecture. The Nina Kondelos Award was made possible by a donation to the Society by Professor George Paxinos, and it is named after his late sister. The Nina Kondelos Award was presented for the first time in 2007 at the IBRO2007 World Congress of Neuroscience in Melbourne.

Policy Statement

1. AW Campbell Award and Lecture

- 1.1 The AW Campbell Award is given for the most significant research achievements by a member of the Society in their first five post-doctoral years, considering career disruptions.
- 1.2 The awardee will be acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting in the year of the

award and will be invited to present the AW Campbell Award Lecture at the Annual Meeting in the same year. The award of A\$500 and a certificate will be presented to the awardee at the time of the award lecture. The awardee will receive registration to this Annual Meeting and, if appropriate, a contribution towards travel expenses to the meeting.

- 1.3 The lecture is scheduled for 30 minutes in the Annual Meeting program and, depending on program constraints, may be held in concurrent or stand-alone sessions.
- 1.4 Candidates should nominate themselves within seven years of the award of their doctorate, as of the date of the deadline for nominations. The award will be based upon achievements in the first five postdoctoral years, timed from the letter of award of their doctorate.
- 1.5 There is no specified application form. The application must include the applicant's CV (including a full list of publications) and a synopsis of up to three pages outlining their contribution to neuroscience. Applications must be received by the ANS Secretariat by the advertised closing date.
- 1.6 Applicants must be Members in good standing on 30 June in the year of nomination, and the successful applicant must be an ANS member at the time of their award lecture.
- 1.7 Further details are in *Procedures* below.

2. Nina Kondelos Award and Lecture

- 2.1 The Nina Kondelos Award is given to a female neuroscientist for their outstanding contribution to basic or clinical neuroscience research.
- 2.2 The awardee will be acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting in the year of the award and will be invited to present the Nina Kondelos Award Lecture at the Annual Meeting in the same year. The award of A\$500

and a certificate will be presented to the awardee at the time of the award lecture. The awardee will receive registration to this Annual Meeting and, if appropriate, a contribution towards travel expenses to the meeting.

- 2.3 The lecture is scheduled for 30 minutes in the Annual Meeting program and, depending on program constraints, may be held in concurrent or stand-alone sessions.
- 2.4 The nominee must not have received other major national or international prizes such as the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, Ramaciotti and Glaxo.
- 2.5 Each nominee must be proposed by one nominator, who must also list three supporters. Nominator and supporters should be members of ANS in good standing on 30 June in the year of the nomination and at the time of the award lecture. The awardee should be a member of ANS at the time of their award lecture.
- 2.6 There is no specified application form. The nomination must include a one-page description of achievement and a three-page CV. Nominations must be received by the ANS Secretariat by the advertised closing date.
- 2.7 Further details are in *Procedures* below.

Procedures

1. General procedures – AW Campbell and Nina Kondelos Awards

- 1.1 The AW Campbell Award and Nina Kondelos Award are presented to eligible ANS members. Eligibility may depend on career stage or gender. See the relevant policies (above) for the description of awards and eligibility criteria.
- 1.2 The call for nominations for the awards is made by the Secretary via the April newsletter, on the webpage and directly to the membership via a direct email. (See template call for nominations on OurCatHerder or equivalent cloud-based file sharing system). The closing date for nominations is set by the Secretary and is normally in early June. Between the opening and closing date the Sec-

retary may send 1-2 reminder emails to the membership to ensure that applications are received in a timely manner.

- 1.3 Applications for each award are made via a written application. There is no application form for the awards but applications need to adhere to the guidelines for each award published on the webpage and detailed in the Society's policy and procedure documents. All applicants must be confirmed as financial members of ANS at the time stated in the relevant policy.
- 1.4 All applications should be received by the Secretariat, which will collate them and prepare a summary table of applications for tracking applications and contact with nominees. (Template for the table on OurCatHerder or equivalent cloud-based file sharing system)
- 1.5 The Secretary recruits two or more judges for each award, traditionally selected from the Council members, but external judges can be recruited if required.
- 1.6 Upon receiving applications (by sharing the relevant OurCatHerder or equivalent cloud-based file sharing system folder or by email), judges for each award will: 1, Declare any conflict of interest to the Secretary, who may replace judges with high conflicts of interest; 2, Ensure that all nominees are eligible for the nominated award; 3, Determine if the quality of each application is sufficiently high to be considered for the award. (Note that it is at the discretion of the award judges and ANS Executive to withhold an award in any given year if the quality of applications is judged to be insufficiently high.); 4, Independently rank each nomination. The primary criterion for ranking is scientific quality but consideration must be given to career disruptions or other consideration of achievements relative to opportunity as well as gender equity; 5, Compare ranking list with all other judges for that award and agree on a single final ranking list with the top ranked nomination as the winner; and 6, Provide a list to the Secretary by the date requested by the Secretary.
- 1.7 The Secretary advises the winner of each award that they were successful and invites them to attend the AGM and present the AW Campbell or Nina Kondelos Plenary at the

Annual Meeting. An initial invitation by the Secretary should be followed by a formal invitation letter from the President.

- 1.8 The Secretary is responsible for preparing the award certificates (and in the case of the AW Campbell Award a copy of the biography of AW Campbell which is awarded with the certificate) and obtaining bank details from the winners for direct transfer of the prize money following the Annual Meeting by the Treasurer or Secretariat.
- 1.9 Unsuccessful applicants are contacted after the selection process of the successful AW Campbell and Nina Kondelos awards (as outlined under 1.6 and 1.7 above) has been completed and advised that their application was unsuccessful and thanked for applying.

Related Material

- Policy and Procedures on Plenary Lectures and Special Guest Lectures
- Policy and Procedures on ANS Awards and Prizes

Version Information

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