Radiographer of the Year and Team of the Year

Nomination Form

Time to pick your Radiographer of the Year and Team of the Year

It is a special occasion when more than a hundred radiographers and other healthcare professionals from across the United Kingdom crowd into a room in the House of Commons to celebrate the best.

There are tears and laughter and many glowing faces as the regional and national winners are called forward to bask in the appreciation of their peers, colleagues, friends and family. For the winners, the fact that the profession is acknowledging their hard work and dedication means so much to them. There is great pride in being a regional or national winner, or better yet, to be ‘crowned’ the best in the UK.

And all this happens once a year because colleagues take a little time to fill in a form and say who they think should be the ‘Radiographer of the Year’ and the ‘Team of the Year’.

Who do you know or work with that deserves to be nominated? Don’t hesitate. Do it today. (The form can also be downloaded from the Society’s website at www.sor.org.)

“I am just doing my job!”

Valerie McCollum was “absolutely amazed” when she found out she’d won the Society’s coveted UK and Northern Ireland Radiographer of the Year Award 2009.

A 30-year career in radiography ensured Valerie had acquired the unrivalled knowledge needed to be judged as the very best example of her profession; not only was she the first radiographer in Northern Ireland to obtain a post graduate certificate in CT, but she has also co-authored numerous learned papers and articles, and is responsible for a team of 14 radiographers at Belfast City Hospital.

“Really, I am just doing my job, so it was a real surprise that my colleagues nominated me. Of course, it is a very great honour. I am also fortunate to have a great team of dedicated and hard working CT radiographers,” she said just after accepting her award at the House of Commons.

Described by her peers as “a thoroughly professional radiographer who is highly committed and always goes above and beyond the demands of her job”, Valerie was also celebrating after coming runner-up in the Belfast Telegraph’s Woman of the Year in Health awards.

Valerie said: “When the job gets tough, awards like these make it all worthwhile. They’re also a great way of recognising the achievements of the whole profession. There are plenty more radiographers out there like me.”

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"We felt very proud of our achievement"

The Paediatric Special Interest Radiographers at South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust were "overwhelmed" upon learning they had won the Society and College of Radiographers UK and Northern Ireland Team of the Year Award 2009. "We felt very proud of our achievement and to think that our ideas and initiatives for children visiting our imaging services have been recognised as significant best practice", team leader Alyson Lattimer said after their award had been presented by Baroness Golding. "We all feel spurred on to complete the other ideas we have in the pipeline and continue the good work. "The ceremony was a wonderful occasion and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting the other finalists in such prestigious surroundings", she concluded.

Alyson Lattimer and colleagues are handed the team award by Baroness Golding (second left)
NOMINATION FORM

Nominations for SoR UK Radiographer of the Year 2010 and SoR UK Team of the Year 2010 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 11 November 2010. 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 email address .................................................................................................................................................................................................

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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 2010/SoR UK Team of the Year 2010. (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 .................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................
RULES

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 11 November 2010.

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 3 September 2010 to Gill Smith 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 2010 and SoR UK Team of the Year 2010. 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, Radiology Department, West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2QZ by 2 July.

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

**Midlands** Fiona King, 37 Laurel Road, Loughborough LE11 2NL by 27 August.

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

**Northern** Kate Linker, Cardiac Catheter Labs, James Cook University Hospital, Martin Road, Middlesbrough TS4 3BW by 27 July.

**North West** Andy Pitt, X-ray Department I, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 4BX apittnorthwest@yahoo.com by 31 July.

**Scotland** Sharon Stewart, Room A232, DOPR School of Health, Glasgow Caledonian University, Govan Mbeki Building, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA 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** Linda Bedford, Peninsula Cancer Network, West Yamer; Dun Cross, Dartington, Devon TQ9 6DX or to linda.bedford2@nhs.net by 5 July.

**Wales** Barry Carver, Radiography School of Healthcare Sciences, University of Wales Bangor, Archimedes Centre, Technology Park, Wrexham LL13 7YP or to rds602@bangor.ac.uk by 30 June.

**Yorkshire & North Trent** Karen Smith, Advanced Practitioner, Practice Development, Radiotherapy Department, Queens Centre for Oncology & Haematology, Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, Yorkshire HU16 5JQ Tel: 01482 461216 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 nominees 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.