



AWARD: BOB SMITH LECTURE

History

This lectureship is awarded in the name of Dr Robert Bernard William Smith, MB ChB (NZ), MRACP, FRACP, who was born in Auckland in 1936 and educated in Palmerston North before attending Medical School at the University of Otago. His training continued at Palmerston North, Wellington and Canberra, Australia. After completing physician training he worked in the British Solomon Islands then Wellington. After further specialist training in diabetes in London in 1975 he returned to Wellington where he spent the rest of his career until retiring in 2002. From 1976 to 2002 he was Physician-in-Charge of the Diabetic Services at Wellington Hospital. He is universally respected and fondly remembered by people living with diabetes and staff, and is responsible for educating and inspiring a whole generation of diabetes clinicians across multiple disciplines as they came through the Wellington diabetes service. He is particularly remembered for his inclusive approach to multidisciplinary care of people with diabetes.

Dr Smith was one of the founding members of NZSSD in 1976 and served on the executive on more than one occasion including as the first secretary and then president in 1981 and 1982. Dr Smith was also responsible for the production of the society newsletter "NewSweet" for many years including the very first edition in 1977. He always attended and contributed to the annual scientific meeting unless clinical responsibilities precluded this. Dr Smith was made a life member of the society in 1995.

The first recipient of the award, in 2016, was Dr Paul Drury.

Intention

This lectureship is to recognise an individual's leadership and outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge and/or clinical practice in the field of diabetes mellitus and related metabolic diseases in New Zealand.

The Lecture

The recipient will deliver the Dr Bob Smith Lecture at the NZSSD Annual General Meeting.

General criteria

1. The Lectureship will be awarded at most once per year. It need not be awarded in any given year.
2. The Lectureship will be awarded only once to any one person. It will typically recognise a longstanding or lifetime contribution.
3. The recipient must be a longstanding member of NZSSD. The number of years is at Executive discretion but there is no requirement for current membership.

Nomination and Selection

1. All members of the NZSSD are eligible for nomination.
2. Any member can nominate a candidate. The nomination needs a sponsor within the Executive. The nominator and the sponsor will write a letter of recommendation, of not more than 1,000 words. This letter should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the nominee.
3. Nominations, support letter and curriculum vitae should be available by the advertised closing date.
4. Selection will be solely by consensus of the Executive.
5. The Executive can change any process or criterion by consensus.

Criteria to Guide Assessment of Contribution

The criteria set out below are indicative only, are not exhaustive, and are to be interpreted at the discretion of the NZSSD Executive. These criteria indicate an exemplary standard in one or more of leadership, teaching and mentoring, research or service development. No candidate is expected to meet all criteria.

Separate from these criteria, the Executive may consider a special category to recognise what might be called the 'unsung heroes', that is, those who have contributed substantively 'behind the scenes' to the work of the diabetes community.

Executive members will expect that they, and colleagues, would consider that a recipient 'obviously' meets the relevant criteria.

Teaching and mentoring

	Indicative criteria
General criteria	International recognition as a leader in teaching and learning, publications of peer reviewed journals e.g. editorial board, accreditation committees/ advisory groups, invited speaker at conferences, professional meetings.
Delivery of teaching to facilitate learning	National / international standing in furthering understanding of and improving of teaching and learning.
Addressing diversity	Contribution to Equal Education Opportunity beyond the level of their institution.

Research

	Indicative criteria
Research Publications	Sustained production of publications, including in higher impact journals of the field area.
Research Presentation / Communications	Invited symposium or plenary lecture(s) at significant international meeting of wide attendance.
Research Leadership / Capacity Building	Leader of research team. Evidence of wide collaboration with international partners

Service and Leadership

	Indicative criteria
Disciplinary / Professional Group	Significant leadership of profession beyond New Zealand e.g. President of College.
Community Engagement	Leadership in major community health development projects. Leadership in projects in developing nations.
Policy Influence	Contributes significantly to advising government, community and other organisations. Expertise sought by international bodies.
Responsiveness to Māori	Leadership at a national level and/or key roles at an international level with clear evidence of international recognition.
Critic and Conscience	Influential publications of social and health criticism. Evidence that contributions to advocacy are having a significant impact