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LAUREATE OF THE HISTORY OF ANESTHESIA PROGRAM

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In 1995 the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) Wood Library-Museum (WLM) established an international program to recognize the importance of the history of anesthesia by awarding, every four years, the title of Laureate of the History of Anesthesia to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the study of the development of anesthesia through the years.

In 1996 Dr. Gwen Wilson of Sydney, Australia was named the first Laureate of the History of Anesthesia. The WLM is presently inviting nominations for the year 2000 Laureate, to be announced in October, 1999 and awarded during the annual meeting of the ASA in October, 2000. (The award ceremony includes presentation of a \$3,000 honorarium, a medal and an appropriate diploma. The awardee will also be reimbursed for round-trip tourist class airfare between his/her home and San Francisco, as well as a \$175 per diem for 3 days in San Francisco.)

Any individual who wishes to submit a nomination must provide an English language copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae and complete bibliography. The nominator is also to submit a letter to support the nomination by providing a detailed assessment of the unique value and merits of the nominee's contribution to the study of the history of anesthesia. This letter of nomination will be a significant factor in the selection of the Laureate. Letters of support of the nomination are also invited. The nominating letter must also be accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee that he/she agrees to permit his/her name to be proposed. A representative sample of the nominee's historical writing in English language shall accompany the nomination letter. Nominations made for the 1996 Laureate award can be renewed and will be considered for the year 2000 award by sending to the WLM an update of the candidate's curriculum vitae and bibliography together with updated letters of support.

All nomination materials must be received by July 31, 1999 at the Wood-Library Museum at 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2573, the address to which requests for further information should be sent by mail only, please.