

Working For A Healthier Workplace – The Peter Isaac Award 2009



Guidelines for Applicants

This is an annual BOHS Award which recognises a valuable contribution by an individual to the reduction of ill-health at work.

The winner will receive £1,000 to be used to subsidise attendance at any 2010 health and safety conference, plus the specially engraved Trophy for the year and a framed Certificate signed by the President to keep, presented at the BOHS Annual Conference Dinner in April 2010. Also included is complimentary attendance for one day of the Conference and the Conference Dinner, and free Society membership for one year.

Applicant eligibility

The Award is open to any individual member of BOHS or any other POOSH organisation (see over for the full list of eligible organisations). It is also open to students on courses containing an occupational hygiene and/or occupational health element and requiring a dissertation or significant supporting research project.

Nominations must be for an individual (either for solo work or as a representative of a team), and can be made by the individual him/herself or by a third party.

Requirements

One application must be submitted for each nomination, and all information set out in these guidelines (see 'How to apply') must be provided by the applicant whether nominee or nominator.

The submission may be a project (in-progress or completed) or a summary of sustained activity or processes, and must demonstrate a real contribution to the prevention of ill-health due to work.

This may include (but may not exclusively be):

- Promotion of proactive good occupational hygiene/health practice;
- Sharing of successful campaigns, results and recommendations to help others;
- Evidence of providing appropriate occupational hygiene/health support or guidance to a wider audience, partners or outside organisations;
- Working programmes to rehabilitate people who have suffered ill-health or disability at work.

Judging criteria

A judging panel will use objective criteria to evaluate applications and propose a winner to BOHS's Council for ratification. The Council's decision will be final. The criteria for judging the submissions are:

- They must show a real, measurable impact on improving health or reducing ill-health, or have clear, specific, achievable and measurable targets for longer-term improvements;
- Multi-disciplinary approaches and inclusion of other occupational health specialists in a team effort will be viewed favourably;
- Those that focus on extending occupational hygiene/health support to a wider audience will be viewed favourably;
- Professionals working alone or with little support will be recognised and weighted favourably against group efforts (ie. a fair comparison will be made between teams working on large projects and solo practitioners working alone).

How to apply

Electronic applications are preferred, and should be sent to admin@bohs.org. Postal applications should be sent to BOHS, 5/6 Melbourne Business Court, Millennium Way, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8LZ. In either case, they should be marked 'Peter Isaac Award'. They must be received by BOHS by 30th September 2009.

The main submission describing the project/work – its aims, the nature of the work, its outcomes - should be no longer than one page of text, preferably in the form of a Word document. Where a team project is submitted the contributions of each member of the team must be stated clearly. Supporting information (for example powerpoint slides, video clips, photography or hard copy) can be supplied if appropriate, and should be attached with the application.

In addition to the main submission and any supporting attachments (if applicable), the following information must be included:

- Full name, job title and/or course title (whichever is appropriate), address, telephone number and e-mail address of applicant;
- Full name, job title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of nominator (if different to applicant);
- Title of submission;
- List of attachments (if applicable);
- Full names and job titles of team members (if applicable); a team member may also be the nominator;
- Full name, job title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of a referee; the referee may be either an employer or worker representative who is independent of the submission, and may also be the nominator; referees will only be contacted to assist the judging panel to distinguish between potential winning submissions.

Timetable

From March 2009	Call for applications (guidelines issued and posted on BOHS and POOSH members' websites);
September 2009	Closing date for receipt of applications;
Oct/Nov 2009	Judging/follow-up with referees if needed;
December 2009	Council to ratify winning project, and all applicants contacted to notify them of decision; decision announced and publicised;
January 2010	£1,000 subsidy and free BOHS membership available from now;
April 2010	Presentation of Trophy and Certificate at BOHS Conference Dinner.

Publicity

The winning entry and a summary of the best submissions will be placed on the BOHS website and may be shared with other POOSH organisations' and the HSE's websites. Details will also be issued to the trade press and feature in the BOHS newsletter.

POOSH

BOHS is an integral member of the POOSH [Professional Organisations in Occupational Safety and Health] grouping, which works towards common aims through joint initiatives and reciprocal support. POOSH members are: the Association of Occupational Health Nurse Practitioners (AOHNP); the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS); the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH); the Ergonomics Society; the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians (FOM); the Institute of Safety & Health (IOSH); the Institute of Risk Management (IRM); the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM); the Royal College of Nursing Society of Occupational Health Nursing (RCN SOHN); the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS); the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC); the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health (RSPH); the Safety & Reliability Society (SARS); the Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM).