

## BDA HONOURS AND AWARDS CATEGORIES

### BDA PRESIDENT (Honour)

This is the highest office in the Association and the most supreme honour which the Association may bestow.

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- To honour outstanding service to the Association and UK dentistry
- Any member of the Association is eligible for nomination

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (Honour)

Considered to be one of the Association's highest honours; one which is rarely awarded.

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- A rare honour, which is *often bestowed on dignitaries from overseas dental associations*
- Distinguished persons who may or may not be members of the Association or of the dental profession

### FELLOWSHIP MEDAL (Medal)

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- To honour *distinguished service to the Association and/or dental profession*
- Any ordinary member (including a Life Member) of the Association who has:
  - (a) been for 20 years continuously an ordinary member of the Association, and
  - (b) given exceptional and distinguished service by:
    - a sustained, personal commitment to realising the goals of the Association and/or advancing the standing and status of the profession
- gaining the high regard and respect of fellow members of the Association

### JOHN TOMES MEDAL (Medal)

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- To honour members of the dental profession or persons distinguished in medical or allied services
- Any person, whether or not otherwise eligible for ordinary membership of the Association
- To honour outstanding services to the dental profession or the Association
- Normally not more than one or two medals would be awarded in one year

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Honour)

This honour is not usually awarded until after retirement from practice, except in cases of outstanding service.

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- To honour long and valuable service to the Association, *particularly at Branch, Group and local levels*, by significant service beyond the regular attendance at meetings and usually by significant representation at national level
- An ordinary member of the Association who has been either:
  - (a) for 25 years continuously a member, or
  - (b) for 10 years continuously a member who has ceased to practice dentistry and holds no paid dental appointment
- It is anticipated that not more than one or two such awards will be made in any one branch or group within one year and will not necessarily be awarded every year

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| <p><b>ROLL OF DISTINCTION (Medal)</b><br/> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To honour outstanding services to UK dentistry</li> <li>• Any person, whether or not eligible for membership of the Association</li> <li>• This award allows non-dentists to be honoured appropriately</li> </ul> | <p><b>AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE (Award)</b><br/> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recognise any special service at any level of dentistry either nationally or internationally</li> <li>• In general, this award is reserved for dentists and other persons who have contributed to work in furthering dentistry, the profession, or individuals active in promoting advancements within the dental profession</li> <li>• Nominations would be sought for practitioners who have demonstrated excellence in any sphere of dentistry - <i>examples of which are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- oral health promotion</li> <li>- dentistry in the community</li> <li>- clinical developments</li> <li>- new and inclusive approaches to patient-centred care/creating a patient-friendly environment</li> <li>- development of good practice in any setting</li> <li>- promoting the profession and practice of dentistry</li> <li>- business entrepreneurship</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>This should be considered a contemporaneous award for nominees at any stage of their career.</b></p> | <p><b>JOY HARRILD AWARD FOR YOUNG DENTISTS (Award)</b><br/> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recognise young dentists who have made a significant contribution to the profession</li> <li>• Any BDA member young dentist (up to ten years post qualification) who meets at least two of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have made a significant contribution to the profession, or</li> <li>(b) have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to continued training and professional development, or</li> <li>(c) have raised the profile of dentistry, or</li> <li>(d) have made a contribution to the BDA, or</li> <li>(e) have made a positive contribution to wider society through 'good works'; working with a charity, their local community, or work abroad, or</li> <li>(f) have demonstrated professional or clinical leadership qualities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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