

SUE AMES MEMORIAL AWARD



Background to the award:

Sue Ames was a toxicological pathologist in a contract research laboratory for 25 years and her work was highly regarded by all who knew her. She was a long-standing BSTP member. Her sudden death in 2005 brought into sharp focus how infrequently the contribution of colleagues who shun the centre stage is recognised by the profession. Therefore, it was decided that the BSTP should recognise the contribution of these members.

The intention of the Sue Ames Memorial Award is to provide recognition for BSTP members who have gained the respect of their peers and colleagues through their work as toxicological pathologists but have not gained recognition through higher office. The BSTP recognises that these individuals are the “backbone” of our profession, providing support and nurture to new members and acting in supporting and advisory roles to the few individuals who are recognised as “leaders” of the profession.

Criteria:

The nominee must meet the following criteria

- The nominee must be a member of BSTP in good standing.
- The nominee must have worked in **toxicological pathology** for a considerable length of time – not less than 20 years – and have a substantial body of work.
- The nominee should not be Head of Department or Directorial level. However, after such long service, he/she is likely to be a senior member of staff and therefore could have various titles (e.g. Senior Pathologist, Consultant Pathologist, Principal Pathologist).
- The work of the nominee should be well respected by colleagues and peers.
- The nominee should be involved in teaching and/or mentoring junior pathologists.
- The nominee is unlikely to achieve another form of recognition in the field of toxicological pathology.
- The nominee should be nearing/has reached the end of his/her career.

Timing of the Award:

The award will usually be made at the AGM which is at the mid-term stage of a Council, in this case it will be awarded at the joint ESTP/BSTP meeting in September 2015 .

Nominations:

Nomination for the award should be made to Council by any member of The Society and should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary. The final decision on the suitability of a nominee will be made by the elected members of Council. ***The deadline for nominations is 1st July 2015.***

Since it is likely that the individuals nominated for this award are not happy to be singled out for attention, nominations should be handled discretely. *An initial approach to Council is recommended to avoid disappointment to the nominee.* Council may approach other toxicological pathologists for advice as to the suitability of the nominee for this award.