



Dr. Ian Mackie Medical Fellowship Information

The International Life Saving Federation (ILS) is pleased to announce that a Medical Fellowship has been established in honor of Dr. Ian Mackie in order to continue his contribution to the international lifesaving community.

Dr. Ian Mackie was a world renowned water safety expert who died in 2002. He served as the National Medical Advisor to Surf Life Saving Australia from 1976 to 1996 and was a member of the Australian Resuscitation Council for 14 years representing both Surf Life Saving Australia and the Royal Life Saving Society. Dr. Mackie was the first chair of the ILS Medical Committee and published scholarly lifesaving materials for over four decades. He received many awards for his contribution and was well known for his welcoming and inclusive manner. The Dr. Ian Mackie Medical Fellowship is designed to provide young lifesavers and lifeguards with a link to the ILS Medical Committee continuing Dr. Mackie's belief in the importance of the link between medical issues and their practical application by lifesavers and lifeguards.

Purpose:

The fellowship allows an active lifesaver or lifeguard to travel to and participate in Medical Committee meetings in order to foster input and dissemination of Medical Committee matters at the critical working lifesaver/lifeguard level.

Selection Criteria:

To be considered, applicants must:

1. Be an active lifesaver or lifeguard in good standing.
2. Be active in lifesaving, lifeguarding, competition, teaching, research, developing or managing activities relevant to lifesaving.
3. Have a strong interest in medical/health care issues related to lifesaving as demonstrated through scholarly activity or educational achievement.
4. Be able to participate in e-mail and telephone communication (preferably in English) to allow effective participation.
5. Be younger than 30 years old at the start of the fellowship.
6. Be nominated by an ILS member organization.
7. Submit two letters of reference from nominating ILS member organization.

Terms:

1. The Fellowship will be granted for a period of two years.
2. The Fellowship will entitle the recipient to participate in all e-mail, conference call and other deliberations of the Medical Committee. The Fellowship recipient will be entitled to raise issues and speak at Medical Committee meetings, but will be a non-voting participant.
3. The Fellowship recipient is encouraged, facilitated and expected to be a lead author or co-author of an ILS Position Statement on an issue mutually agreed upon.
4. The Fellowship will involve one international meeting each year of the two year term to allow participation in ILS Medical Committee Meetings, World Water Safety Conferences, Aquatic Medical/Rescue Conferences and/or participation in a meeting, conference, self-directed learning or activity helpful to the development of medical issues in lifesaving.
5. All application materials must be submitted by email and all requested documents listed under *Selection Criteria* must be received for candidate consideration. It is preferred that all requested documents are sent as one file. A reply will be sent on receipt of application advising if the application is incomplete or complete.

Process:

To ensure efficient administration, the following steps will be followed bi-annually on odd years:

- May 1 - Announcement of Fellowship application deadline through member organizations
- July 1 - Reminder of application deadline
- Aug. 31 - Application deadline
- Oct. 31 - Decision made by Fellowship Selection Committee

Previous Recipients:

2006/2007 -

Angela Lawson, New Zealand Nominated by Surf Life Saving New Zealand