



PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD CONFERENCE

SPECIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS



BACKGROUND

The Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) is an annual international conference focusing on policy-related health issues of global significance. The conference is hosted by the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation, the Thai Ministry of Public Health, Mahidol University and other global partners. It is an international policy forum that Global Health Institutes, both public and private, can co-own and use for advocacy and for discussing international perspectives and seek possible solutions on important global health issues.

The Conference in 2014 on the theme “Transformative Learning for Health Equity” will be co-hosted by the Prince Mahidol Award Conference, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Rockefeller Foundation and China Medical Board, with the support from other key related partners. The Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 27 -31 January 2014. The main objective of the Conference is to foster collaboration and communication between health professional education and training institutions and health service delivery systems in order to transform health professional education (teaching and learning are part and parcel of the process of education) systems to advance the health equity agenda.

RATIONALE FOR AWARD

Health and the health care system have been continuously evolving throughout the history of mankind. The momentum for change has substantially increased during the last few decades. Globalisation has increased the quantity of information available to us both as individuals and as societies and therefore has been re-shaping the way we think about health. These changes have major impact on health systems and health professionals. People expect to have health care systems of a high standard. In addition, people expect the health system to be cost-effective and accessible to all, across all economic strata.

Improvement of health relies mainly on the quality of health care providers. Therefore, there is no doubt that health professional education is of utmost importance in the process of producing health professionals. Like the health system, health professional education has been influenced by changes in society.

This year the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) would like to honour health professional educators whose work has had a strong impact on the improvement of health care. The criteria for selecting the awardees include:

- He/she has demonstrated dedication in teaching by receiving outstanding assessment from the university or from the students; or
- He/she has demonstrated innovation or has developed teaching modules or techniques that have transformed learning and that have been used as part of an evidence-base for producing quality health personnel; or
- The teaching module has been adopted as a model for the implementation in other countries and/or rolling out of the module in his/her country. The adopted model must also show a positive outcome; or
- He/she has demonstrated commitment in teaching either by dedication of time or duration of work in teaching services; or
- He/she has shown commitment in actually delivering training in difficult circumstances, e.g. remote areas; or
- He/she is a visionary leader who has changed paradigms of learning.

Nominees can come from any level and any type of teaching/training institution.

TIMELINE

August 2013	Setting up Selection Committee (SC) comprised of members from our co-hosts who are interested in joining the committee.
August - Early September 2013	Meeting of SC (via teleconference) to discuss the criteria and process of selection.
September- Mid November 2013	Send out announcement for nominations. Deadline to receive nomination is mid-November.
Late November 2013	Meeting of SC (via teleconference) to discuss the nominations received and assign SC members to review the nominations and have short-listed nominations by early December.
Early - Mid December 2013	Meeting of SC (via teleconference or face-to-face) to discuss on 'short-listed nominations'.
December 2013 - January 2014	Find out more information on those who are short-listed to be an input for final decision (those who are short-listed will be invited to PMAC 2014)
Early - Mid January 2014	Meeting of SC (via teleconference or face-to-face) to decide on the winner and make announcement of the winner at PMAC 2014

SUBMISSION

- Please note that candidates cannot nominate themselves. They must be nominated by a third party.
- Submissions will be accepted in **English** only.
- Deadline for nomination: **15 November 2013**
- Please email nomination to: PMAC Secretariat at **pmaconference@mahidol.ac.th**