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M.R. BANKS MEDAL 2009

In 1997, the Royal Society of Tasmania instituted the M.R. Banks Medal to be awarded biennially to a scholar of distinction in mid-career, in any field within the Society's purview, with an age limit of 45 years. The Medal is to honour Dr M.R. Banks' contribution to science and to the Royal Society of Tasmania.

Conditions of the Award

- The scholar must be no more than 45 years of age at the date of the Award, and should have received a PhD or appropriate higher qualification.
- The Award may be made in any field within the purview of the Society.
- The work must have been carried out largely in Tasmania or under the aegis of a Tasmania-based organisation.
- The recipient shall be in mid-career, rapidly developing a standing in his/her field, and be winning international recognition from peers.
- The recipient shall address the Society by delivering the M.R. Banks Lecture to members, after conferring of the Medal.

For further information and application requirements, please see reverse page. Further copies may be obtained from www.rst.org.au

Nomination Process

The first page of the nomination should list:

- The name of the medal;
- The name of the candidate and contact address;
- The name of the proposer and contact address.

No self nominations are allowed.

The description of the candidate's achievements relevant to the Medal should follow. It should be no more than one page and should be written concisely and in language that is widely understood outside the candidate's field of research. The candidate's research or other scholarly contributions to science, history or other field of learning, industry or society should be clearly stated.

A full *curriculum vitae* should be provided by the nominee to the nominator for the Honours Committee, in confidence. It should include the candidate's date of birth, the date of receipt of degrees, and a full list of published works. The most significant publications should be highlighted (for example by asterisks). Where the candidate's standing relies on many co-authored papers, the candidate's role in those significant publications should be indicated.

The Honours Committee of the Royal Society of Tasmania has limited ability to seek additional information and therefore depends on the nomination papers to provide a full and fair account of the candidate's suitability, taking into account the criteria for the Medal.

Applications should be addressed to the:

Convener, Honours Committee
Royal Society of Tasmania
GPO Box 1166
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Nominations must be received no later than August 31st 2009.