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Winner Bridges-Webb Award 2009

It was an honour (and somewhat of an embarrassment as I had instigated the award only 12 months previously) to receive the Bridges-Webb medal from the inaugural recipient Jane Gunn at the AAAGP dinner. I was gratified to learn that there were 6 nominees up from the 3 last year which would tend to suggest that the award is gaining acceptance. It also came to my attention after the event that some again were under the impression that only a GP can win the award. This award is open to any financial member nominated by other financial members so it is non discriminatory.

It would also be churlish of me not to accept the award given that the award was established to promote primary care researchers who otherwise are deferential and notorious non selfpromoters. Such awards underwrite the field of our research as much as the individuals who are awarded them. So next year consider nominating someone for the award (even organize someone to nominate you!) especially from a non medical background as these individuals enrich primary care research.

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