



President's Researcher of the Year Awards 2016

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As anyone who has been published will tell you, the greatest reward for one's efforts in carrying out research and crafting the paper, article or review is seeing it in print. However, ask the same people what they needed to do to 'get published' and they will likely say that it was getting the piece written in the first place, taking the trouble to submit it and responding to the advice of the editor.

That said, there is no disguising the fact that authors of material that is of publishable quality will need to invest a considerable amount of time and effort in their craft. Clearly, this is about meeting the exacting standards of scholarship and clarity of expression expected when we seek to place research data and our conclusions before a readership who might choose to act on it.

Of course, this should never deter us from enquiring and writing up the outcome of our enquiries, whether these are conducted as part of an academic award or in the course of our work. However, when we come to bring ideas together in a paper or article, it should encourage us to think about who will be reading it and for what purpose, so as to obtain the maximum impact from it. This applies whether the publication is a peer-reviewed journal such as the *Journal of Environmental Health Research (JEHR)* or an edited professional journal such as *EHN*.

In recognition of this, the president of the CIEH, Tim Everett, has made research and its publication a key theme of his presidency. To this end he has donated a very generous sum of money to recognise

Winner: Tim Everett presents the 2015 Junior Researcher of the Year award to Danny Baker



the authors of papers and articles submitted and published in the past three years – the president's Researcher of the Year award – and authors of work based on research that has not yet been accepted for publication – the president's Junior Researcher of the Year award.

In this, the second year of Tim's presidency and the awards, some changes have been made to the criteria set last year, which we hope will allow more people to apply. I can do no more than encourage you to read on, and if you are in a position to do so, please submit an application or nominate another for an award – though please ask them first whether they mind.

All applicants and nominees will be invited to make a short presentation to the selection panel, which will be recorded and shown at the CIEH annual conference on 27/28 September.

I look forward to reporting back shortly with the names of the winners and, in due course, making available the work for which they are being recognised.

Researcher of the Year award

Applications are invited from holders of voting membership who have had papers, articles or reviews published in any form of edited journal or periodical in the three years from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. Please note that this is a relaxation of the previous requirement.

Whilst a high degree of scholarship will be expected, the major consideration will be the research's relevance to environmental health, especially its impact or potential impact on practice. To this end, authors are invited to include short commentaries on their work, and/or testimonials from a third party as to its relevance and present or future impact.

Applications should be made by email to Chris Day (c.day@cieh.org) to arrive by noon on Thursday 30 June 2016.

The prize of a trophy and a cheque for £600 will be awarded at the annual CIEH conference, where the winner will be the guest of the institute.

Junior Researcher of the Year award

Applications are invited from authors of papers, articles or reviews holding any status of CIEH membership who have not yet seen their work published, but consider it to be of publishable quality.

The piece will normally be presented in the format prescribed by the editorial board of the *JEHR* (see: www.cieh.org/JEHR/Notes_For_Authors.html), since it is intended that all submissions will be considered for publication in the journal.

The winner of the award will be selected on scholarship and the work's potential to improve the understanding of an environmental health problem and/or its impact on practice. To this end, authors are invited to provide commentaries that state how they see their research informing the discipline and practice.

Applications should be made by email to Chris Day (c.day@cieh.org) to arrive by noon on Thursday 30 June 2016.

The prize of a trophy and a cheque for £400 will be awarded at the annual CIEH conference, where the winner will be the guest of the institute.