Quincentennial Lecturer – additional guidelines for applicants

This information supplements the section ‘How to apply’ on the submission form.

Abstracts will be scored under four headings:

1. Importance of the proposed lecture topic
   This will address the extent to which the topic is of relevance to a broad range of physicians

2. Assessment of the strength of the content relating to the category heading of the submission
   The content relating to the research, quality improvement project, medical education or Chief Registrar experience will be assessed.

3. Assessment of the conclusions
   Please include some identifiable conclusions in your abstract. These might relate to your research, the outcome(s) of your QIP, your achievements in medical education or as a Chief Registrar.

4. The quality of writing in the abstract

Specific Guidance for individual categories

Research
Please indicate briefly in the first few lines what you propose to cover in the lecture, for example:

The lecture will explore whether thyroxine replacement should be prescribed for patients with subclinical hypothyroidism (those without definite symptoms of hypothyroidism who have been found to have an elevated TSH value but with normal free thyroxine levels).

In the next section you should describe your research in the field. Where possible this should include statistical analyses, but we acknowledge there may be limited space for these if your research involves more than a single study on the subject. There should be some identifiable conclusions.

Finally it may be helpful to outline other related areas that you plan to cover in the lecture, so using the example above, you might decide to include an update on potential pitfalls when interpreting thyroid function tests (e.g. in acutely unwell patients).

Quality Improvement Project
Please indicate briefly in the first few lines what you propose to cover in the lecture, for example:

This lecture will provide an overview of best practice in the management of sepsis.

In the next section you should describe your quality improvement project in the field. This should include key data and you might wish to discuss sustainability of the improvement. There should be some identifiable conclusions.
Improvements in medical education
Please describe briefly in the first few lines, what you propose to cover in the lecture, for example:

This lecture will describe ways to provide high quality training in outpatient clinic skills for core medical trainees that are achievable and provide high quality clinical care.

In the next section you should describe the measures you have put in place to achieve this. You should include key data and you might discuss sustainability of the improvement and applicability to other hospitals. There should be some identifiable conclusions.

You should describe in a few lines other relevant work in the field that you propose to cover in the lecture.

Experience and achievements as a chief registrar
Please describe briefly what you propose to cover in the lecture. You should describe important aspects of your experience and in particular, your main achievements as a Chief Registrar. Please include data in support of your achievements wherever possible. Where achievements are the result of work from a team of people, you should indicate your contribution to the achievement. You may wish to discuss sustainability of improvements and applicability to other hospitals. There should be some identifiable conclusions.

You should describe in a few lines other relevant work that gives context to the main achievements.