

# The Tjellström Award

## Terms of Reference

### 1.0 The Tjellström Award

The Tjellström Award is an international recognition award presented by the Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM) to an individual or group exemplifying excellence and demonstrating significant contributions in the field of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the head and neck.

### 1.1 Anders Tjellström and the History of the Tjellström Award



**Anders Tjellström MD, PhD**  
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Professor Anders Tjellström's contribution to the field of osseointegration biotechnology is remarkable.

Anders Tjellström was born in Strångnäs, Sweden in 1937. He completed his medical studies at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden in 1968, received his specialty education in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology in 1973 while practicing at Vänersborg, Sweden and completed his PhD from the University of Gothenburg in 1977. Dr. Tjellström's doctoral work, designed to investigate development middle ear ossicles in titanium chambers in a rabbit model, brought him into contact with Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark, a pioneer in the field of osseointegration. They began working together in 1972 and Professor Brånemark later served as doctor supervisor. In 1977 they collaborated on the care of the first patient to be treated with a Bone Anchored Hearing Aid. They combined forces again in 1979 on the treatment of the first patient to receive an osseointegrated implant retained ear prosthesis. Since that time, Anders Tjellström has worked tirelessly to bring craniofacial osseointegration to the international community.



The medal struck for the Tjellström Award. The medal was designed by Johanne de Repentigny. The first medal was presented in 2003 to Professor Tjellström with the inauguration of the award.

As a staff member at the University of Gothenburg, Anders Tjellström's commitment to patient care and research has been inspirational. His international reputation as a pioneering researcher, mentor and team builder has encouraged world wide collaboration among his colleagues. This remarkable surgeon and man of science has contributed significantly to the quality of life of those needing rehabilitation of the head and neck.

The Tjellström Award was established by Caritas Health Group and University of Alberta in 2003 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Craniofacial Osseointegration and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation Unit (COMPRU), forerunner of the Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM).

## 1.2 Criteria for Selection for the Tjellström Award

**The following criteria are applied in selecting an individual or group for consideration for the Tjellström award. The award**

1. ...is broadly-based in relation to all aspects of activity that relate to reconstruction or rehabilitation of the head and neck
2. ...may be made to an individual or group involved with reconstruction or rehabilitation of the head and neck.
3. ...may be made to professionals or non-professionals who attempt to improve the quality of life of individuals requiring reconstruction or rehabilitation of the head and neck.
4. ...recognizes excellence as a particularly significant and noteworthy contribution to enhancing the quality of life of individuals requiring reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of the head and neck.
5. ...is made without distinction of race, gender, social or geographic location

## 1.3 The Award Committee

The Award Committee is composed of:

### **Executive Committee:**

- Executive Director, iRSM
- Director of Clinics and International Relations, iRSM (Chair)
- Director of Surgery, iRSM
- Director of Research, iRSM
- Director of Business Development, iRSM
- Two Members of the Academic Staff of iRSM (by Invitation)

### **International Councilors:**

- Otolaryngology (One Councilor)
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (One Councilor)
- Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery (One Councilor)
- Prosthodontics (One Councilor)
- Speech Pathology (One Councilor)
- Audiology (One Councilor)
- Anaplastology (One Councilor)
- Biomedical Engineering (One Councilor)
- Basic Scientist (One Councilor)

### **Appointment to The Award Committee**

- The Executive Committee is a Standing Committee of iRSM. Chair of the Executive Committee will fall to either of iRSM's Director of Surgery or Director of Clinics and International Relations. This will be a continuing appointment.
- Directors will be appointed to the Executive Committee by the Executive Director of iRSM. These will be continuing appointments.
- Two academic staff members will be appointed for a term of four years by the Executive Director and Director of iRSM. Nominees are eligible for reappointment for one non-consecutive term. Terms of office for academic staff are staggered meaning that in the first iteration of the committee one of the two

academic staff will be reappointed after three years. Thereafter, all academic staff will be appointed for four years.

- The International Councilors are nominated and invited by the Executive Committee to serve on the Award Committee for a period of four calendar years. The Chair of the Executive Committee will contact nominated individuals and secure their agreement to participate as an International Councilor of the Tjellström Award Committee. Previous award winners may be considered as candidates for international councilors. International Councilors hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for reappointment for one non-consecutive term. The terms of office of the International Councilors are staggered so that four of nine Councilors will be reappointed after three years of initiating the International Councilor positions. Thereafter, all International Councilors will be appointed for four years.

## 1.4 The Award

The Tjellström Award medal and certificate will be publicly presented to the recipient by a member of the Executive Committee or a designate from the International Councilors. The award may be presented at an iRSM arranged event or an alternate event as selected by the Award Committee.

## 1.5 Frequency of the Award

The award will be made annually and must be presented to the recipient in the calendar year in which it is conferred. If the Executive and the recipient are unable to reach agreement on a suitable venue and date for presentation, the date may be delayed to no later than December 31 of the following year.

## 1.6 Nominations for the Award and Selection of the Award Recipient

Nominations may be submitted by anyone including members of the Award Committee.

Nominations for the Tjellström Award must be submitted to the Chair of the Tjellström Award Committee no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April each year.

Nominations must include:

1. The completed Nomination Form (Available on the iRSM Website)
2. Two letters of support
3. Full Curriculum Vitae of the nominee

The nomination must be submitted to:

**Chair**

**Tjellström Award Committee**

**Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine**

**Misericordia Hospital**

**16940 - 87 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5R 4H5  
Canada**

The Award Committee will meet no later than March 1st to assess nominations and select a maximum of (10) finalists. Final candidates will be submitted to the Executive Committee and International Councilors for assessment no later than March 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. The Tjellström Committee members will provide their assessment to the

Committee Chair Committee by March 30th 2010. The Executive Committee then have until September &th April to meet and select the award recipient. The Chair of the Committee will contact the selected recipient by April 15<sup>th</sup> to confirm willingness to accept the award. Once written acceptance has been received, the Chair will advise all members of the Tjellström award Committee.

#### **Summary of 2010 Process:**

30<sup>th</sup> January - Submission of Nomination to Chair of Committee

8<sup>th</sup> February - Executive Committee meets to assess nominations and select 10 or fewer finalists

22<sup>nd</sup> February – The finalist nominations will be submitted to the Full Committee

29<sup>th</sup> March - Committee members communicate their assessment to the Chair of the Committee

5<sup>th</sup> April- September - Executive Committee to select the award recipient

15<sup>th</sup> April - Chair of the Committee contact the selected recipient

21<sup>st</sup> May – Award presented publicly at ISMR Conference, Sestri Levante, Italy

## 1.7 Terms of Reference and Operational Principles

The following terms of reference and operational principles are adhered to by the Award Committee:

#### **Terms of Reference**

1. The Award Committee exists with the sole purpose of identifying nominations and selecting the recipient of the Tjellström award.
2. Members of the Award Committee must always be mindful that the award is made in the name of a valued colleague and all actions in relation to the award must be respectful to the name of the award.
3. The Executive Committee is a Standing Committee of iRSM
4. The Standing Committee is responsible to the Executive Director of iRSM who appoints the Chair of the Award Committee.
5. The Executive Director of iRSM will report the actions of the Award Committee to the Management Board of iRSM which is comprised of Capital Health Edmonton, Caritas Health Group and University of Alberta representatives.

#### **Operational principles**

1. The Tjellström Award will be made each calendar year.
2. Selection of the recipient will be by vote of the full Tjellström Award Committee. The Committee members will rank the final list of nominees and the chair will rank the scores to select the recipient. Tied scores will require repeat ranking until a clear recipient is identified.
3. The Chair will contact the recipient in writing to advise them of the Award Committee decision.
4. Once the recipient confirms willingness to receive the award, the Chair will advise the Award Committee. The recipient will remain confidential until the Award is announced publicly.
5. The Chair will arrange for public presentation of the award.
6. The venue for presentation may be a specially convened event, an event arranged by the recipient's institution, or as part of another event such as a conference. The event may be arranged by iRSM or by other suitable bodies.

7. The public presentation of the award may be made by the Chair of the Award Committee or by a designated member of the Award Committee.
8. The award will be announced in print and other media as determined by the Award Committee with permission of the Chair of the Committee.
9. The Award Committee will keep all nominations and deliberations related thereto confidential.
10. Award Committee members will keep the award recipient decisions confidential until the award is publicly announced.

## 1.8 Confidentiality of Nominations and Selection of Recipients

Tjellström Award Committee members are to:

- exercise the highest degree of confidentiality
- hold confidential all nominations, both past and present; no disclosure of any nominee is to be made at any time
- hold award recipients as confidential until public announcement of the award is made by the Chair of the Tjellström Award Committee

## 1.9 Annual Request for Nominations

The Tjellström Award Committee members should actively encourage submission of nominations.

The Tjellström Award Committee will base its deliberations only on the written nomination submitted and will not entertain other forms of communication or submission.

As deemed appropriate by the Committee, announcements may be placed in publications such as scientific journals and industry publications.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the iRSM website.

## 1.10 Public Recognition of the Tjellström Award

The recipient of the Tjellström Award will be recognized by:

- Public/formal presentation of the award
- A display of award winners at iRSM
- Announcements in industry and scientific publications as deemed appropriate by the Tjellström Award Committee

Recipients of the Tjellström Award are encouraged to wear their medal at official occasions.

## 1.11 Industry and Other Partner Support of the Award

At the discretion of the Tjellström Award Committee, industry partner and other support of the Award may be entertained. The support may be used to:

- Provide a monetary value to accompany the award
- Support the costs of the recipient attending the event to present the award
- Support costs of holding an event to present the award, where necessary
- Support the costs of Professor Tjellström being present for the presentation of the award
- Support a Committee member being at the event to present the award

In entering into an agreement with an industry partner or other supporting agency, the Tjellström Award Committee must adhere to the highest ethical principles and must be in accord with the iRSM Business Ethics Policy.

- The industry partner or other supporting agency will fully respect the terms of reference of the Committee and will exert no influence on Committee members
- Committee members will disclose any relationship with an industry partner or supporting agency to avoid and manage potential, perceived or real conflicts of interest

Industry partners and other supporting agencies may be recognized through announcements at presentations, on printed material and on website announcements. An appropriate statement confirming the independence of the award will accompany all such announcements.

### 1.12 Conflict of Interest

It is the responsibility of the members of the Tjellström Award Committee or nominators to declare any perceived conflict of interest to the Chair of the Tjellström Award Committee.

### 1.13 Changes to Policies and Procedures

These Policies and Procedures may be altered from time to time through determination by the Executive Committee. The Committee Chair will forward all Member suggestions for change to the Executive Committee for consideration. The Chair will implement changes as determined by the Executive Committee.