

British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry



The Keith Woods Memorial Prize.

Keith Woods was a long-standing member of British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry. He worked from 1993 as the consultant in dental public health who developed and ran the North West Dental Observatory with its major role in furthering the collection and quality control of data in dental epidemiology. He died at home in Halton, near Lancaster, on 17 September 2005, after being diagnosed with cancer just a few weeks earlier.

Born in Lancaster in 1941, Keith studied dentistry at Sheffield University. Fellow students and staff soon came to appreciate his manual dexterity and in 1964 he was awarded the Gold Medal for Operative Dental Surgery with his dental degree.

After graduation, he became a Lancashire County Council School Dental Officer and undertook postgraduate study for the Diploma in Dental Public Health, MSc in Community Dentistry, and Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons. As a long-standing member of the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry, he took a special interest in the sequential National Surveys of Child and of Adult Dental Health. Seeing the growth and benefits of modern technology, he helped to develop computer software for the gathering and interpretation of oral health data. Keith had tremendous energy and enthusiasm throughout his life and this prize is awarded in memory of his work and achievements.

This prize is awarded to undergraduates or BASCD members for a written submission of original research work or good practice in dental health needs assessment / dental epidemiology. The submission must not exceed 2500 words and have a structure of abstract, background including evidence base, method, results and conclusion plus recommendations. Completed submissions must be received by the BASCD secretary before the 1st August each year to be eligible. The award will only be bestowed if work of appropriate quality is judged to have been made.

The annual award of a cheque for not less than £100 will be presented at the subsequent Autumn BASCD conference.

Those BASCD council members judging the Professor Roger Anderson prize will undertake the Judging for the Keith Woods Memorial Prize.