The BSPGHAN Distinguished Service Award is an Annual Award to recognize a BSPGHAN member who has made a major contribution to patient care in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition. It can be recognized as a whole life accomplishment, or celebrate a recent achievement.

**ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS**

The recipient will be a BSPGHAN member at the time of nomination (and have been a member of the Society for at least the last 5 years). The award will be given every year.

Criteria for selection include:

1/ Outstanding contributions to the standards, practice and training in the fields of paediatric gastroenterology and/or hepatology and/or nutrition.

2/ Outstanding scientific achievements related to paediatric gastroenterology and/or hepatology, and/or nutrition.

3/ Outstanding contributions to BSPGHAN society as a whole

Nominees should be put forward by 2 BSPGHAN members through a letter of recommendation signed by each supporting member

**Nomination**

A call for nominations will be advertised on the BSPGHAN website. The following documents should be sent to the BSPGHAN Administrator: admin@bspghan.org.uk

- Letter of recommendation with support from 2 BSPGHAN members (outside of the Council and the Selection Committee), including the reasons for nomination and the specific achievements of the nominee (a CV is not required).

- Deadline for submission Wednesday 31st January 2024.
Selection Process
The selection Committee consists of 9 members, including the following:

1. President (Chair of Selection Committee)
2. Executive - Convenor & Treasurer
3. Education
4. Research Chair
5. Associates Chair
6. PPP representative
7. Two members, outside of the Council and the Working Groups.

Members will not participate in the evaluation of an applicant if they have a conflict of interest.

Selection criteria:
Each member of the Selection Committee is asked to score all applications and submit to the Chair.

- 10 excellent candidate – achievements / contribution definitely worthy of award
- 8 very good candidate – achievements / contribution likely to be worthy of award
- 6 good candidate – achievements / contribution may be worthy of award
- 0 achievements / contribution not worthy of an award

• Scores will be compiled, and the results be made available to all members of the Selection Committee prior to a phone conference of the Selection Committee and consensus on the selection will be sought. If consensus cannot be achieved, a majority decision will be taken. The selection should commence before the Autumn Council meeting, where the nominees will be discussed and approved.

• Deadline for finalisation of scoring will be Monday 26th February 2024.

The Award shall be presented at the BSPGHAN Annual meeting. BSPGHAN Council may decide to award additional awards also but usually no more than one or two awards per year will be given out.

Each full or associate member society of BPGHAN may submit one nomination