

Society: ASCTS



The Australasian Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons

AT THE 17TH ASCTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED.

THE EDWARDS TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP



Awarded To Dr Phillip Davis From Dunedin New Zealand

TAG MEDICAL PRIZE



Awarded To Dr Greg Rice From Adelaide

BAYER YOUNG SURGEONS TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

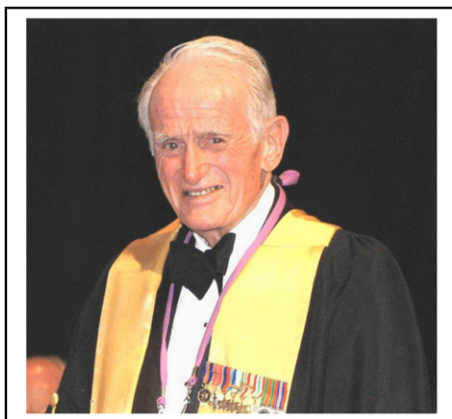


**Awarded To Dr Jee-Yoong
Leong Of Liverpool Hospital**



**Awarded To Dr Marco Larobina Of Royal
Melbourne Hospital**

HONORARY MEMBERS OF ASCTS



Rowan Nicks, O.B.E.

At the 2006 Annual ASCTS General Meeting Mr Rowan Nicks O.B.E., MD(Hon), CHM, FRCSE, FRCS, FRACS was awarded honorary membership of the Society in recognition of the outstanding contribution he has made in the field of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Rowan Nicks was born in New Zealand in 1913. In August 1995 he became the first Antipodean to be made an Honorary Member of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie.

He left New Zealand in 1939 to begin postgraduate surgical training in England. This was rudely interrupted by the War during which he served as a highly decorated surgeon in the Royal Navy. From 1940 to 1946 he served with distinction as a Lt. Cmdr. in the RNVR, from 1942 to 1945 serving with the 3rd Battalion Royal Marines Combined Ops. in the Mediterranean. At age 26 he was lecturing in Anatomy at Middlesex Hospital London University. After the war Rowan Nicks trained in cardio-thoracic surgery at the Brompton Chest Hospital in London. In 1947 he was awarded a New Zealand Government Travelling Scholarship to Scandinavia and the USA and then served as cardiovascular surgeon at the Greenlane Hospital Auckland where he helped found the world famous Thoracic and Cardiovascular Unit. In 1956 he was appointed cardiovascular surgeon to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, subsequently to become Emeritus Cardiovascular Surgeon. He pioneered many operations for Congenital and Valvular Heart Diseases and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Sydney.

As a Visiting Professor or Surgeon he then began constant visits to New Guinea, Uganda, University of New Delhi, CMC Hospital Vellore, India, KCMC Hospital Tanzania, University of Malaysia. Until recently he continued as teacher and lecturer in the new African and Asiatic nations. To many surgeons in these developing countries he is regarded as a much loved friend and supporter.

He has endowed the Rowan Nicks and Russell Drysdale Scholarship with the University of Sydney for Health Welfare and Leadership Training of Aboriginal Australians. Also Scholarships with the RACS to train young surgeons from Australia's neighbouring countries.

Many awards and honours have been bestowed on Rowan including the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Medal in 1980 and membership of the Court of Honour in 1985. For 20 years, from 1965 to 1985, Rowan was Australian National Delegate for the ISS/SIC and he was instrumental in bringing the 32nd World Congress of Surgery to Sydney. The Société Internationale de Chirurgie is proud to be able to count Rowan Nicks as one of its Honorary Members. In 2001 he was given the Alumni Award from the University of Sydney for Community Service Achievement and in 2005 he received the International Medal for Surgery by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons for training in the developing world.

His publications include *Surgeons All* in 1984; *The Principles of Cardio-vascular Surgery and Nursing* in 1982; *The Dance of Life* in 1996; *The House of Memories* and *By the Way* in 1996; and two volumes of poetry in 1996 and 1999.