

Peter Maher



Distinguished Service Award

NOMINATIONS OPEN ON 1 AUGUST & CLOSE 30 OCTOBER 2024

Professor Peter Maher was a distinguished Clinical Professor at the University of Melbourne and the inaugural Director of Endosurgery at the Mercy Hospital for Women, where he served until his retirement in 2020.

He played a foundational role in the Australian Gynaecological Endoscopy Society (AGES), serving as a founding member and later as president from 1995 to 1999. He remained a lifetime member of AGES. In addition to his national contributions, Professor Maher also held international leadership roles. He served as president of the International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ISGE) and was a board member of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL).

His exceptional contributions to the field were recently recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the AAGL, and he was awarded an Order of Australia (AO) in 2024.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Selection Criteria:

- The Peter Maher Distinguished Service Award will be presented to a current or former member of AGES who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Society's work.
- The recipient will have been actively involved in research, teaching, training, or administrative aspects of the Society for many years.

Nominations:

- Nominations for this award will be submitted to the Secretariat. The AGES Secretariat will send out a call for nominations.
- The closing date for nominations will be due one month prior to the AGES Board meeting that precedes the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). Three proposers per nominee will be required.
- The proposers will be asked to provide comprehensive supporting letters that recognise the nominee's excellent and unique contribution to the Society. A detailed letter with appropriate evidence and support will be required.
- The proposers must be a current member of the Society.
- The proposers will be from at least two different practices or units.

- The nomination can be posthumous and, if so, any entitlements associated with the award will transfer to their next of kin.
- **Nominations will only be accepted if lodged through the Online Submission link on the AGES Society website at <https://ages.com.au/resources/awards-and-fellowships/>**

Selection process:

- The nominees will be presented to the AGES Board.
- The AGES Board will provide Declarations of Conflict of Interest.
- The board will vote by secret ballot. In the event of a draw, a re-vote with the leading candidates will occur. If there is still a draw, the President will have the final say.

The Award: An engraved glass award with a framed certificate.

Presentation: At the AGES ASM Gala Dinner or another presentation at the AGES ASM.

Frequency: Triennial.

Entitlements of the recipient:

- Return economy flights for the recipient from their home city in Australia or New Zealand to the host city, including airport and hotel transfers.
- Complimentary ticket to the AGES ASM including social functions.
- Award presentation at the AGES Gala Dinner or another presentation at the AGES ASM.