

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 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.

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 (3) 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 members 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.

The Award:

The recipient of the Peter Maher Award will receive the following:

- 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
- An engraved glass award with a framed certificate recognising the recipient's contributions.

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

Frequency: Triennial.

Exclusions:

- Previous recipients of the Award.
- Current Board Members.
- Past Presidents within four (4) years of ending their term as Immediate Past President.
- Immediate Past Board members within four (4) years of ending their term on the Board.

Terms & Conditions Regarding Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality Obligation:** All nominators and letter writers should keep the nomination and supporting process confidential and should not disclose the details or the fact of the nomination to the nominee or any other individual. If clarification regarding the nominee's experience is required, rather than contacting the nominee, nominators should contact a member of the AGES Board, YRD administration staff or AGES Awards Committee members as it is likely that the relevant information can be obtained from them.
- **Limited Sharing:** Nominators and letter writers should refrain from discussing the nomination with anyone outside of the AGES Board, YRD administration staff, and AGES Awards Committee members to maintain the integrity of the process.
- **Consideration for Privacy:** Maintaining confidentiality helps protect the nominee's privacy and avoid any potential embarrassment if they are not chosen for the award.
- **Commitment to Care:** Nominators and letter writers are encouraged to handle the process with sensitivity and professionalism to uphold the integrity of the award.