**Background**

Elaine Graham Robertson became the first full time Infection Control Practitioner at Woden Valley Hospital (now The Canberra Hospital) in 1983 and remained in that position until her marriage to Paul Robertson and their move to Wollongong in 1999. She became an Infection Control Consultant in the Illawarra and southern Sydney until her retirement and a move to Brisbane in 2004.

In 1985 Elaine chaired the inaugural meeting of the Infection Control Association ACT (ICA ACT) and also in 1985 she was a member of the group that formed the Australian Infection Control Association (AICA). In 1987 she was convener for the first AICA conference held in Canberra and co-ordinated the writing of the first Infection Control Manual for the ACT. In 2004 Elaine drafted three sections of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing Infection Control Guidelines (2004). She has held Executive positions in ICA ACT and AICA. With others, she has been involved in research involving endoscopes. Elaine completed writing the History of AICA - The First Ten Years. Until her retirement she was a member of the Royal College of Nursing Australia and is a Fellow of ICA NSW as well as a Life Member of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (formally AICA).

It is in Elaine’s honour and to perpetuate her ideals that this award was established in 2005 by ICA ACT. The College continues to support and administer this award.

**Purpose**

The ACIPC 2013 Elaine Graham Robertson Award aims to:

1. Recognise Elaine’s many years of valuable contribution to infection control in the ACT and nationally.
2. Reward excellence in infection control either by research or significant contribution to infection prevention and management practices within the recipient’s hospital or community by the way of a free paper presented by an infection control nurse at the annual conference.

The award will be presented at the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control National Conference dinner on Tuesday 24th November 2015.

**Selection Criteria**

1. The applicant must be a current financial member of the College who is giving an oral presentation at the ACIPC National Conference 2015.
2. The applicant must be currently employed in an infection prevention and control position and have been employed in such a position for at least one year prior to the conference oral presentation.
3. The applicant is NOT a member/office bearer of the College Executive Council, Standing Committees or Healthcare Infection Editorial Board.

Applications must include:

* A current brief curriculum vitae highlighting infection prevention and control involvement;
* A copy of the accepted oral abstract; and
* Completed application form (see attached).

An Education and Research Committee Review Panel will evaluate each application.

**Terms and Conditions**

* Individual applications will be judged on the selection criteria.
* The winner will receive a AUD$500.00 cheque and commemorative gift.

**Closing Date**

Applications must be submitted to the College National Secretariat on or before **Friday 28th August 2015**.No late applications will be considered.

**The Elaine Graham Robertson Award 2015 Application Form**

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| **OFFICE USE ONLY:**  Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meets selection criteria:  Yes  No If No, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Successful recipient:  Yes  No  Signature of review panel lead: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ |