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Life-long Learning awards

The awards for Life-long Learning, *Hospital Pharmacist's* continuing professional development series, and the Pharmaceutical Aseptic Services Group award, were presented at the *Hospital Pharmacist* pre-conference dinner in London. Haley Hill reports

Nicola Turner, surgery and research pharmacist at South Manchester Hospital, won the Life-long Learning award this year. Jonathan Ody, commercial director, Mayne Pharma presented the prize, an all expenses paid trip to the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists conference in Geneva in March 2006, to Ms Turner at the *Hospital Pharmacist* pre-conference dinner on 9 November. Mr Ody commented that Mayne Pharma is delighted to offer continued support for continuing professional development through sponsorship of the *Hospital Pharmacist* Life-long Learning initiative.

First runner-up, Morag Truscott, part-time medicines information pharmacist at West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds, won attendance at the conference, the pre-conference dinner and accommodation. The second runner-up, Elizabeth Lewis, medicines information pharmacist at Blackberry Hill Hospital, Bristol, won Pharmaceutical Press vouchers. The third runner up, Alice Danson, senior clinical pharmacist at Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust in Manchester, won a set of British Society for the History of Pharmacy china mugs.

Referring to the conference, Ms Turner said: "It was very topical and well delivered



From left to right: Morag Truscott, Jonathan Ody, Nicola Turner and Alice Danson

— I shall be reporting the key messages back to my department."

Ms Truscott said: "I gained more than I initially expected at the conference. Our department is now looking to re-structure our skill mix and services, especially with a view to meeting the primary and secondary care interface demands. Some ideas gleaned from

last week could not have been more timely."

Hospital Pharmacist received 740 entries for the Life-long Learning award this year. Since four entrants all achieved the same score, a tie-breaker was held, asking them to describe how attending the EAHP 2006 conference would develop their practice as a hospital pharmacist.



Richard Wastnage (left), business manager, aseptic manufacturing services, Mayne Pharma, presents the award to Paul Tunstell

PASG award launched

The *Hospital Pharmacist* pre-conference dinner saw the presentation of a new award, sponsored by Mayne Pharma and supported by the Pharmaceutical Aseptic Services Group.

The competition required entrants to submit and present a report entitled, "Improving safe practice in aseptic services provision". The winner, Paul Tunstell, aseptic services manager at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, was presented with a cheque for £1,500 for attendance at the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists mid-year meeting in Las Vegas, where he will present a poster on his work.