**COVID-19: Lessons for the future of Anaesthesia and Critical Care**

**Essay Prize – Anaesthetic Team**

**Background**

Applications are invited for the Lessons learnt from the global pandemic conference essay prize. The prize is open to all Anaesthetic Teams from across the world to write about the experience of their team during the COVID-19 pandemic. The essay must include how your team has involved Anaesthetists in Training, cared for them and enhanced their training. The prize has been donated by a retired anaesthetist who feels that COVID-19 will have provided a tremendous learning experience; enhancing both the clinical and non-clinical skills of individuals and departments, which should be recorded and used to aid the clinical practice and patient care of the future.

**Essay Theme**

The essay should be written on the theme **“*How has the teamwork across the Anaesthetic Team been enhanced by the COVID-19 pandemic?”***

**Eligibility**

The competition is open to all Anaesthetists. All authors of the essay should be cited on the essay.

**Prize**

The donated prize of £500 is intended as a team prize and should benefit the authors and their wider team. You should include in your essay how you would use the prize to enhance the working lives of you and your team.

**How to enter**

* Supply your essay in PDF format to abstracts@rcoa.ac.uk
* The word limit is 1,000 words (excluding references and headings).
* There is the possibility of essay content being published therefore all essays will be checked for plagiarism as part of the submission process.
* Submissions will be anonymised for judging. Author names and contact information should not be included within the essay.
* Previously published work is not eligible. Work that has been presented at hospital, school, or regional meetings will be considered.
* Essays must include references; listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia as well as a caption if a figure or picture or table is used

**What happens next?**

* Entries will be accepted from the **25 March 2021.**
* The closing date for entries will be **11.59pm on Sunday 16 May 2021**.
* A panel of judges will assess all submissions shortly after the closing date.
* Authors will be notified by **Monday 7 June 2021** if their essay has been shortlisted for the overall prize. The Prize will be presented on the third and final day of the conference 17 June 2021
* Shortlisted essays will be displayed in the resources area on the Lessons learnt from the global pandemic Conference platform

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR ESSAY

I (print full name)

certify that the essay submitted has not been previously been published or presented at a major meeting and is

all the work of the names authors, unless otherwise referenced. I confirm that all the authors listed support the submission of this abstract to the RCoA.

**Date:** **Signed:**

**Email:**

**Note:** signatures/electronic signatures are preferred; however typed names in the signature field will be accepted as certification of this statement.