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Congratulations to paramedic, Brendan Moore who received the 2006 Journal of Emergency Primary Health Care (JEPHC) Award for Best Paper in the category of undergraduate student contribution. The prize for 2006 consisted of a \$750 cheque and registration fees for the upcoming ACAP Asia Pacific International Conference at Jupiter's Casino on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Brendan's winning paper "[Blast Injuries - A Prehospital Perspective](#)" presents a review of literature on the subject of blast injury from a Prehospital perspective including time criticality in mass casualty triage, and the mechanism behind primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary blast injuries.

Brendan joined the Melbourne based Metropolitan Ambulance Service (MAS) as a paramedic in 2004, after spending several years in the Military and Information Technology industries.

He completed his Diploma in Ambulance and Paramedic Studies at Monash University, Melbourne, in 2007 and also holds qualifications in Computer Science (BSc) from the University of Melbourne, and Diplomas in Government and Operations Management from the Royal Military College of Duntroon.

During the winter months, Brendan volunteers as a Ski Patroller with the Mount Hotham Ski patrol, and his interests include snow sports, squash, indoor soccer and rock climbing.

Brendan is keen to further develop his prehospital emergency qualifications and has a professional interest in the provision of remote emergency prehospital services both within Australia and abroad.

The Australian College of Ambulance Professionals (ACAP) and the JEPHC Management Committee continue to encourage contributions for Best Paper Prizes for 2007. The main objective of the JEPHC Student Awards is to stimulate the best paper prizes with contributions from students in the field of Emergency Primary Health Care and its kindred disciplines.

Thus four prizes categories are open to students enrolled in a (medically) related course as follows:

- Students undertaking registered courses in the VET sector – this includes any VET/TAFE sector course which is nationally recognised by ANTA (Australian National Training Authority)
- Students undertaking university undergraduate courses - this includes courses up to and including Bachelor Degrees;
- Students undertaking graduate coursework awards - this includes courses from Graduate Certificate to Masters level; an
- Students undertaking university higher degrees by research courses - this includes Masters Degrees with greater than 66 per cent research component and doctoral programs, including Professional Doctorates.

To be considered for one of these prizes, contributors must:

- Be a registered student in one of the categories listed - and produce evidence of enrolment in that category;
- Be the lead author of the article, with all authors signing the journal's Author's Disclosure, indicating their respective contribution. Student(s) contribution must exceed 80 per cent of the article; and
- Have the article published in JEPHC.

All articles submitted as student papers within these criteria, will be peer-reviewed and if published, will be considered for the JEPHC Best Paper Prize in the year of publication.

For further information about the JEPHC Best Paper Award, please contact the journal's Managing Editor, Rhona Macdonald by email: rhona.macdonald@med.monash.edu.au or telephone, 03 9 904 4198.

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