



## **INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD**

### **Whereas,**

- The climate emergency is the single greatest threat to human health, and
  - Health care is responsible for an estimated 5% of global CO2 emissions, and
  - Provision of surgical services contributes a disproportionate measure, and
  - The global conference industry each year produced as much greenhouse gas emissions prior to the pandemic as was produced in the United States, and
  - In 2021, 220 Editors of high-profile medical journals called for a global response to climate change on the scale of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
  - There is a global discrepancy in ability to access surgical care world-wide, and
  - The Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (CSO-HNS) endorses the goal of net zero health care emissions while improving access to surgical care services globally in a fair and equitable manner,
- the CSO-HNS calls to our members to help mitigate ongoing climate change.

To encourage that we each contribute to meeting our social responsibility contract, we call for applications from CSO-HNS members for the Individual Global Social Responsibility Award.

### **Application Process:**

We call for information that you can provide in the following areas with respect to activities at an individual level, your hospital level, or a city-wide/provincial level:

- 1) Concrete examples of how you have in the past attempted to mitigate the impact of your individual activities on the climate and any metrics to indicate how effective this has been.
- 2) Information to show how you will minimize your carbon footprint at this meeting, and at the meeting provide data of the carbon footprint attributable to your attendance (i.e. carbon offsets purchased; sustainable transport used).
- 3) What plan you have for future efforts to minimize the impact of provision of surgical care services on the environment, while improving fair and equitable access to surgical care, world-wide.

### **Adjudication Process:**

A panel of experts, knowledgeable in the environmental impact of health care and with enthusiasm for improvement, will review all submissions. The submissions will then be adjudicated, and the winner announced during the Closing Ceremonies.

### **The Award:**

The recipient of the Individual Social Responsibility Award will be recognized by the following means:

1. We will publish the list and rankings of the top five individuals on our CSO-HNS website to be updated annually.
2. The winning individual will be offered a 20% discount off the normal price for registration at the next CSO-HNS meeting.