

Press Release

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Title: IBMS awards first Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement

The IBMS has awarded the first Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement to Pavanjit Jheeta, a Medical Laboratory Assistant based in the Microbiology department at City Hospital, Sandwell & Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

Pav was presented with the Prize by Mary Macdonald's daughter, Nicola, at the Institute of Biomedical Science's Annual General Meeting, which took place on Saturday 7th June at the Institute's London office.

The Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement aims to support and encouraging excellence in biomedical science support staff. The Prize is awarded to the candidate with the best IBMS Certificate of Achievement Part II portfolio.

The Prize for Achievement was founded in memory of Mrs Mary Macdonald, an IBMS Council member who gave many years of dedicated service to the Institute. Mary is remembered as an outstanding professional, colleague and mentor, with a great passion for education.

Pav was delighted to be the first person to be awarded the Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement: "Winning the award has been a great achievement for my laboratory and for me personally. I could not have done it without the support of my Laboratory Manager, Padma Patel, my Training Officer, Janet Ashby and City Hospital's Group General Manager of Pathology, Helena Kilgariff.

Together, they allowed me the opportunity to undertake the IBMS Certificate of Achievement Parts I and II, and gave me support and guidance to ensure that the portfolios were completed and I was working to my full potential. Completing the portfolio was a great experience - it gave me a platform where I could document the skills and experience gained through my work in the laboratory."

IBMS President Nick Kirk congratulated Pav: "I would like to congratulate Pav on being awarded the inaugural Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement. The Prize reflects Mary's passion for education and her appreciation of the determination and ambition involved in achieving professional qualifications. Pav's commitment to enhancing her practice, enthusiasm for continuous improvement and desire to share all she has learned for the benefit of her team marked her out as an exceptional candidate. The Mary Macdonald Prize for Achievement has enabled the Institute to recognise the achievements of biomedical science support staff like Pav."

You can find out more about the Mary Macdonald Bursary and Prize for achievement at:

<https://www.ibms.org/go/ibms/prizes-awards/marymacdonald>

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Editor's notes:

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