

Eminent Academician (EA) Title

Eligibility Criteria:

- a) A Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB) or Dental SAB-registered specialist of at least 20 years' experience, preferably of international or regional repute.
- b) Spotless disciplinary record with Singapore Medical Council (SMC) or Singapore Dental Council (SDC); i.e. no censure, suspension or striking-off
- c) There will be a limited number of specialists who can be made EA in a year. This number will be determined by the AMS Council within 6 months of the beginning of the new term and subject to a total cap of 2% of doctors who are registered with SMC at any given time. The same 2% cap applies to Dental EAs.
- d) All current Council members of AMS and its Colleges and Chapters are not eligible to be nominated for EA.
- e) Foreign medical and dental specialists are eligible for EA. This number will be limited to 10% of Singapore medical and dental specialists who have been conferred EA and will not count towards the abovementioned 2% cap. It will be clearly stated that EA does NOT entitle them to practise medicine or dentistry in Singapore and their EA is not registrable with SMC or SDC.

Nomination:

- a) AMS Council Route: Proposed and Seconded by any two elected AMS Council members with unanimous support from all elected Council members, OR
- b) Specific Specialty or Subspecialty Route: Proposed and Seconded by any two College and/or Chapter Council Members AFTER the corresponding College or Chapter Councils have unanimously supported the candidate of that specialty/subspecialty. A person only needs one College/Chapter to nominate him/her, regardless of the number of specialties/subspecialties he is registered under with SAB.

Approval by AMS

Approval for a nominated person to be conferred EA requires:

- a) Assenting votes from at least three-quarters of AMS Council Members including unanimous support from elected council members who are Office-bearers, AND
- b) Assenting votes from at least THREE past Masters of AMS. Where the nominee is a past Master, the nominee will not be able to be one of the three past Masters that can give assent to the nomination.

Final Concurrence by DGH, MOH

Nominations received will be sent to MOH DGH for his vetting and concurrence.

Conferment Process

The Conferment of the title EA will be held at the Comitia in the form of the issuance of a scroll to the EA; EA will be conferred just before FAMS fellows are conferred in the Programme of the Comitia.

For Existing FAMS medical and dental specialists, the Conferment is free. For non-FAMS medical and dental specialists who are offered the EA, one has to pay a one-off nominal amount equivalent to one-year's subscription for a Fellow (currently \$600+GST) to become a Fellow. The main purpose of having this nominal payment is to demonstrate that the person is willing to be associated with AMS and subscribes to its mission, values and by-laws. If he does not already belong to a College or Chapter under AMS, the person will also be assigned a College or Chapter for the specialty or subspecialty that he belongs to. Payment of one-year's subscription to become a FAMS will be waived for foreign doctors.

Each person can only be conferred one EA in his lifetime, regardless of the number of specialties and subspecialties he is registered with under SAB or Dental SAB.

Benefits

EA fellows will enjoy the following benefits

- a) He can display the title of "Eminent Academician" as described previously in this paper
- b) Formal Conferment of EA (with presentation of scroll) at Comitia to be accompanied by press release by AMS and College/Chapter briefly describing the background and achievements of each newly-conferred EA.
- c) Life-long waiver of AMS and College/Chapter subscription fees
- d) Life-long waiver of registration fees for CME events organised by AMS and the corresponding College/Chapter that the person belongs to
- e) Invitation to subsequent Comitia after conferment. Should they attend, they will be part of the Procession, positioned after the Council and before the new EAs and FAMS that are to be conferred.
- f) The name will be published in a Roll of EA to be maintained by AMS and published on the AMS website for as long as the person is alive. Separate Rolls will be maintained for local and foreign EAs.