



The Bone and Joint Decade • 2000 – 2010

For prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders

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Dear National/Regional Action Network Coordinators and Participating Organisations,

On behalf of the International Steering Committee, I am delighted to announce the call for nominations for two international programs. The 7th annual Bone and Joint Decade International Awards will be presented at an awards dinner during the upcoming BJD World Network Conference on October 12 – 14, 2007. The second is a call for nominations for Bone and Joint Decade Ambassadors, a program designed to recognize global and national thought leaders in the musculoskeletal patient and health professional communities to promote the Decade's mission within their disciplines and countries.

I encourage your Network and/or organisation to submit nominations. For the International Awards, you may nominate your own or any other organisation, National Action Network or individual for achievements to accomplish the mission of the Decade. You may submit a nomination for one or all of the awards, but a nomination form must be completed for **each** award. Just complete the nomination form and return it along with any supporting materials by **August 15, 2007**

For the Ambassadors program, nominations may be submitted at any time, but the Nominating Committee will make its selections to be announced at the Annual Network Meeting. Therefore, I encourage you to submit Ambassador Nominations at the same time as the International Awards.

It is in the spirit of recognizing exceptional activities and individuals that the Bone and Joint Decade International Awards and Ambassadors are announced. Please distribute this information widely in your Network and organisation. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely

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Chairman
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The Bone and Joint Decade

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Award Nomination Form
Ambassador Program Description
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List of current ambassadors and award recipient 2006