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### **BLA announces 2021 Isshiki Award Winner as Professor Gregory Postma**

Professor Gregory Postma has been awarded the prestigious Isshiki Award for outstanding contributions to laryngology.

Dr. Gregory Postma is Professor and Vice-Chairman in the Department Otolaryngology and Director of the Center for Voice, Airway and Swallowing Disorders at Augusta University, Atlanta, USA. He graduated in medicine from Hahnemann University in 1984, before completing a residency in Otolaryngology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1993. He then completed his fellowship in laryngology and professional voice at Vanderbilt University in 1996. Professor Postma specializes in voice disorders, professional and singing voice care, dysphagia and associated swallowing disorders, airway surgery and reconstruction, spasmodic dysphonia, and reflux and chronic cough. He is a pioneer of in-office surgery, including transnasal esophagoscopy and non-sedated laryngeal and airway laser surgery. He has authored or co-authored more than 70 peer-reviewed publications and 50 chapters and invited articles and has given over 100 presentations on a wide range of laryngology topics.

The award was presented virtually by BLA President Guri Sandhu on the 9 July 2021 at the latest meeting of the Laryngology and Rhinology section of the Royal Society of Medicine: 'Diseases of the larynx and Pharynx', at which Professor Postma gave the Visiting Professor Lecture. Mr Chadwan Al Yaghchi accepted the award in person on behalf of Professor Postma.

On receiving the award, Professor Postma said: "I am both honoured and humbled to receive the 2021 Isshiki award from the British Laryngological Association. To be on such a list with Dr Isshiki, David Howard, Fred Dikkers and others is difficult for me to believe.

My thanks to Mr Sandhu and the entire BLA and I hope to see you all next year."

The inaugural Isshiki Award was presented to Dr N. Isshiki, Emeritus Professor, Kyoto University, Japan at the 1st Cutting Edge Laryngology Conference in June 2011. More information on the award and previous winners can be found at <https://www.britishlaryngological.org/meetings/isshiki-award>

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Mr. Guri Sandhu presents the Isshiki Award for outstanding contributions to laryngology to Professor Gregory Postma at the latest meeting of the Laryngology and Rhinology section of the Royal Society of Medicine.



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