



THE BRITISH DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

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OUTSTANDING AWARD FOR DEDICATED DIETITIAN

Dietitian Margaret Gradwell, from East Lancashire NHS Hospitals Trust, is to be made a Fellow of the British Dietetic Association at the Association's Awards Ceremony on 15th June in Cardiff. Fellowship is the highest honour that the profession bestows on a dietitian and is conferred in recognition of the work in which Margaret has been involved nationally to promote the profession and the science and practice of dietetics.

Margaret qualified as a dietitian from Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh, in 1974, and has been a significant contributor to the profession of dietetics for over two decades, particularly in the north-west of England. She has been a driving force in taking the profession forward, and was one of the prime movers in pushing for the creation of the first dietetics course in the north-west.

She has been actively involved with The British Dietetic Association over many years and has been a member of numerous committees and working groups, in particular in areas related to education and workforce issues.

In addition, Margaret has worked for the British Dietetic Association at a local level in the north-west and has spent the last 20 years working in Blackburn, where the department of nutrition and dietetics has grown and developed under her leadership.

Says Margaret: *"I am delighted and very honoured to become a BDA fellow. Being involved with the profession and the BDA has certainly enriched my work, both as a dietitian and a manager, and I have benefited from a wealth of support over many years."*

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Notes to Editors

1. The British Dietetic Association Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday 15 June 2005 at The Thistle Hotel, Cardiff.

2. Further information on the conference and the awards ceremony is available from:

Dr Frankie Phillips National PR Officer, The British Dietetic Association.

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3. The British Dietetic Association, founded in 1936, is the professional association for registered dietitians in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is the nation's largest organisation of food and nutrition professionals with over 5,000 members. About two-thirds of members are employed in the National Health Service. The remaining members work in education, industry, research, sport settings or freelance.

Registered dietitians hold the only legally-recognisable graduate qualification in nutrition and dietetics. They are experts in interpreting and translating the science of nutrition into practical ways of promoting nutritional well-being, disease treatment and the prevention of nutrition-related problems. Their advice is sound and based on current scientific evidence.

Registration, awarded by the Health Professionals Council, is an indication that a dietitian is fit to practise and is working within an agreed statement of conduct.

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