

Dr Derek Stevenson **Joint Winner of the 2016 Chromatographic Society Jubilee Medal**



Dr Derek Stevenson has been an active member of the Chromatographic Society for many decades, including 2 years (1996-1998) where he was President. His work in organising the Bioanalytical forum, and latterly the Reid Forum has been instrumental to its success and to it recently celebrating its 21st birthday. As well as being a fundamental member of the organising committee, Derek has also established himself as a very notable scientist working in the development of analytical methods (HPLC, GC) to measure drugs, metabolites and endogenous compounds in biological fluids. He has developed simplified methods for occupational and environmental monitoring of trace organics and also investigated the miniaturisation of separation science. As well as his expertise in separation science Derek has also investigated the selectivity in sample preparation using immobilised antibodies and molecular imprinted polymers, as well as the development and validation of immuno sensors

Derek initially started his career at Fisons Agrochem in 1970, before moving to Shell Research in 1974, and in 1976 moved to the Westminster Medical School, where he started his research career in earnest. In 1981 after completion of his PhD at the University of Surrey in the Wolfson Bioanalytical Centre (now part of the Robens institute) as an SRS CASE studentship with ICI pharmaceuticals, he stayed on as a research fellow where he progressed becoming first a senior lecturer in Analytical Chemistry, Director of Biochemistry Programmes and finally took over the Head of Robens Analytical Unit. As Head of Robens Analytical Unit/Centre over 40 major reports written for sponsors including: HSE, Environment Agency, Department of Health, WHO, Pfizer, ICI Pharmaceuticals, ICI Agrochemicals, Glaxo, Pharmachemie BV, Monsanto, Du Pont, British Agrochemical Association and British Telecom

Derek is a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Fellow of the Chromatographic Society and in 2007 was awarded the Analytical Separations Medal (RSC) in 2007 for his research in sample preparation, immunoaffinity extraction, chiral separations and drug bioanalysis. He has held many positions within the RSC, as well as being part of the Reid Forum, showing his commitment to supporting analytical scientists of all generations, and is, therefore, a worthy winner of the award.

Dr Stevenson has demonstrated his exceptional abilities in the field of chromatography and as such the Chromatographic Society are delighted to honour him with the Jubilee Medal for 2016