

MEDALS OF THE AIAS PRESIDENT AT WOLFSON COLLEGE OXFORD

As an Old Wolfsonian (Old Wolf) I am pleased that the College has agreed to take my Harrison Memorial Prize medal (1978) and Meldola Medal (1979). They will be kept in the College Archives. I am one of about two or three people in history who have won both medals. A brief description of the awards is as follows. They have now been merged into the Harrison / Meldola Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry, one of its most prestigious award for young professionals. The Wolfson College archivist is pleased that I have been awarded a Civil List Pension (2005) and Coat of Arms (2008) for ECE theory and the rest of my work, the first Old Wolf to have been awarded a Civil List Pension by Queen Elizabeth and Parliament on the Prime Minister's recommendation.

1) The Edward Harrison Memorial Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry was awarded to a British theoretical or physical chemist under the age of thirty two and commemorates the work of Edward Harrison, who made the first practical gas mask and saved hundreds of thousands of lives. Past winners include the Nobel Laureate Sir Derek Barton, F. R. S. and Christopher Longuet Higgins, F. R. S., Balliol College Oxford, Corpus Christi College Cambridge, and Professor of Theoretical Chemistry at Cambridge. I was awarded it in 1978 at the Edward Davies Chemical Laboratories, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, shortly after being elected a Junior Research Fellow of Wolfson College Oxford in 1975.

2) The Meldola Medal was awarded to a British chemist under the age of thirty two for promising investigations in chemistry. It commemorates Raphael Meldola, President of the Institute of Chemistry. Past winners include Prof. Sir Cyril Hinshelwood F. R. S., Dr. Lee's Professor of Physical Chemistry at Oxford and a Nobel Laureate, Balliol and Trinity, and Sir George Norrish, another Nobel Laureate with Sir George Porter, P. R. S. I was awarded the medal by Prof. Sir John Rowlinson F. R. S., Dr. Lee's Professor of Physical Chemistry, after the Meldola Lecture of 1979 at the Physical Chemistry Laboratory of the University of Oxford.