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#### **OSA Names Recipients** of 2003 Prizes

Each year, the Optical Society of America presents awards to recognize individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the science of light. This year's awards and medals will be formally presented next month at the society's annual meeting in Tucson. Arizona.

The Frederic Ives Medal/Jarus W. Quinn Endowment, the society's most prestigious honor, will be bestowed on Herbert Walther, professor emeritus at the University of Munich and at the

Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics in Garching, Germany. Walther is being honored for his work in quantum optics, "including the development of the micromaser and the demonstration of Wigner crystallization of lasercooled ions."

Ajoy Ghatak will receive the Esther Hoffman Beller Medal for his "outstanding contributions to

optics education" and for "leadership of a major fiber optics and optoelectronics research and training program in a developing nation," according to the citation. Ghatak is a professor of physics at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi.

The OSA Leadership Award/New Focus Prize will go to Charles Vest, president of MIT. The society is commending Vest for "leadership in set-ting the national agenda for higher education and university research, including its impact on optics."

The Adolph Lomb Medal recipient this year is Alexei Sokolov, assistant professor of physics at Texas A&M University. Sokolov merited the medal for his "work on the prediction and demonstration of single-cycle optical pulse generation by molecular modulation.

Christopher Dainty will be honored with the C. E. K. Mees Medal for his "contributions to the understanding and application of speckle phenomena" and for his "leadership in the international optics community." Dainty is the Science Foundation Ireland Professor of Experimental Physics at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

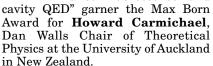
Roland Shack, professor emeritus of optical sciences at the University of Arizona, will receive the David Richardson Medal for his "numerous contributions to optical engineering, including the invention of the Shack-Hartmann sensor and the Shack cube interferometer."

OSA is recognizing George Stegeman with the R. W. Wood Prize for "pioneering nonlinear integrated optics through seminal experiments and continuing leadership." Stegeman is the Cobb Family Chair in Optical Sciences and Engineering at the University of Central Florida's School of Optics.

The work of Weilin Pan on "measurements of atmospheric temperatures above the North and South

Poles using a novel lidar system" wins her OSA's Allen Prize. Pan is a research engineer in the Center for Geospace Studies at SRI International in Menlo Park, California.

"Outstanding theoretical contributions to quantum optics through the understanding of quantum fluctuations, especially in the open systems of resonance fluorescence and



Walther

The Joseph Fraunhofer Award/ Robert M. Burley Prize will go to Yoshiki Ichioka, president of Nara National College of Technology and emeritus professor at Osaka University in Japan. He is being cited for his "notable contributions to information processing and optical computing.

The Nick Holonyak Jr Award will be presented to **Joe Campbell**, the Cockrell Family Regents Chair in Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. The society is commending Campbell for his "extensive efforts in the development of high-speed, low-noise avalanche photodiodes."

Shaul Mukamel, Chancellor Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, Irvine, will receive the Ellis R. Lippincott Award for the "development and application of formalism for the design and understanding of nonlinear optical experiments on molecular vibrations." This award is given jointly by OSA, the Coblentz Society, and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy.

The William F. Meggers Award will go this year to Daniel Grischkowsky, Regents Professor and the Bellmon Professor of Optoelectronics at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. OSA praised his "seminal contributions to the development and application of THz time-domain spectroscopy."

#### **AAPM Honors Medical Physics** Achievements

t the annual meeting of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine held last month in San Diego, California, the following individuals were commended for their contributions to the field.

Kenneth Hogstrom was presented with AAPM's highest honor, the William D. Coolidge Award, in recognition of his distinguished career in medical physics. Hogstrom is a pro-

fessor of radiation physics and holds the P. H. and Fay Etta Robinson Distinguished Professorship in Can-Research at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.



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The Award for Achievement in

Medical Physics, given to recognize a notable career based on outstanding acheivements, went to **Stewart Bushong** and **Radhe Mohan**. Bushong is a professor of radiologic science at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Mohan chairs the department of radiation physics at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

AAPM bestowed a Special Award for Outstanding Service on Salvatore Trofi Jr, executive director of the society. He was honored for a decade of distinguished service from 1993 to 2003.

The Farrington Daniels Award, given for the best paper on dosimetry that appeared the previous year in Medical Physics, went to coauthors Daryoush Sheikh-Bagheri and David W. O. Rogers for their paper entitled "Sensitivity of Megavoltage Photon Beam Monte Carlo Simulations to Electron Beam and Other Parameters." Sheikh-Bagheri is a medical physicist and senior software engineer at NOMOS Corp in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Rogers is the group leader of the ionizing radiation standards department at the Institute for National Measurement Standards in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

The Sylvia Sorkin Greenfield Award, given for the best overall nondosimetry paper published the previous year in *Medical Physics*, was shared by Mia Skarpathiotakis, Martin Yaffe, Aili Bloomquist, Dan Rico, Serge Muller, Andreas Rick, and Fanny Jeunehomme for their paper "Development of Contrast Digital Mammography." Skarpathiotakis, Yaffe, Bloomquist, and Rico are affiliated with the Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, Canada. Muller, Rick, and Jeunehomme are affiliated with G. E. Medical Systems in Buc, France.

### **In Brief**

Pritain's Royal Meteorological Society is presenting this year's Symons Gold Medal, its most prestigious award, to **Raymond Hide** at an awards dinner this month in Norwich, England. Among Hide's other

achievements, the society is acknowledging him for his "original and inspirational experimental and theoretical studies of nonlinear hydrodynamics and magneto-hydrodynamics of rotating fluids, and their application to understanding the dynamics of planetary atmosphere and interiors." Hide is a senior research investigator in the mathematics department at Imperial College, London, and emeritus professor of physics at the University of Oxford.

ffective this month, **Anthony M. Johnson** is the new director of

the Center for Advanced Studies in Photonics Research at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He holds joint faculty appointments as a professor in both the physics department and the computer science and electrical engineering department. He previously was the Foundation Professor of Optics & Photonics and Distinguished Professor of Physics at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. Since 1996, he had been the principal investigator and project director of NJIT's multidisciplinary optical science and engineering program.

### **Obituaries**

#### Hilda Gertrude Kingslake

## **Rudolf Kingslake**

Rudolf and Hilda Kingslake were a team for more than 70 years, and leave a very significant and distinguished legacy in the discipline of optical science and engineering through their individual and joint contributions. They died within 11 days of each other in February 2003: Hilda on the 14th—two days before her 101st

birthday—of end-stage dementia, and Rudolf on the 25th of myocardial infarction. They had both been residents at the Episcopal Church Home in Rochester, New York, for a number of years.

Hilda Gertrude Conrady was born in London, England, on 16 February 1902. Her father, A. E. Conrady, was professor of optical design in the newly established technical optics department of the Royal College of Science, a unit of Imperial College, London. The other two faculty members were F. J. Cheshire (director) and

