

AINSE Honorary Fellowship - Dr Gerald Laurence

An AINSE Honorary Fellowship was awarded to Dr Gerald Laurence, University of Adelaide at the meeting of AINSE Council on Friday 5 December 2003. The following citation was read by Associate Professor Ron Cooper.



Dr Gerald Laurence

Citation

Gerald Laurence has been a substantial contributor to AINSE for about 40 years. His first involvement was via the First Radiation Chemistry Conference in 1963 and over the years has held AINSE grants in Radiation Chemistry and Environmental Science areas. Those grants supported studies which produced AINSE acknowledged publications.

In the late 60s and early 70s he represented the University of Adelaide as deputy councillor for Professor D O Jordan who was a onetime AINSE President.

Since then, Gerald has sat on several AINSE specialist committees, Radiation Science, Radiopharmaceuticals, and most recently Environment. He was on the Inaugural Committee which established the Winter School and has been the school's active and popular headmaster ever since.

Since 1990 he has been the Councillor for Adelaide University.

Gerald has also contributed to the experimental facility side of AINSE activities. In the late 60s the Pulse Radiolysis facility was established on the 1.3MeV electron accelerator at Lucas Heights. This enabled microsecond time scale chemistry experiments to be performed. Gerald and his research group provided a computerised data processing system which enabled rapid on the spot analysis of chemical rate data. More recently Gerald was one of the team which established, only a few years ago, the new pulse electron beam facility on the 20MeV electron linac operated for AINSE at ARPANSA in Melbourne.

Gerald conducted a 1997 review, commissioned by AINSE, on neutron scattering usage by Australian Universities with a focus on student activities.

Gerald has also sat on many AINSE conference and workshop organising committees.

I cannot resist the observation, which those who have sat on committees and also around this table will doubtless agree, that Gerald has had a "voice" in AINSE activity.

In summary, Gerald Laurence has made continuous and valued contributions to AINSE in all levels of its activities over forty years.

This record of contributions to this organisation is worthy of recognition by AINSE via the award of an AINSE Honorary Fellowship.