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## **AWARD FOR FUGRO GEOS CONSULTANT OCEANOGRAPHER**

A delighted Ian Bellamy, Consultant Oceanographer to Fugro GEOS was awarded the inaugural Alan Greig Memorial Prize at Oceanology International 2006 (OI06) for Outstanding Contribution to Commercial Oceanography.

The award is one of two spearheaded by Ralph Rayner and Roger Scrivens, and managed by The Society for Underwater Technology in conjunction with the Oceanology International conference committee, the other being the biennial Bob Barton Memorial Award for Promising Young Journalist in Marine Science and Technology.

Ian Bellamy graduated in electronics in 1973 and immediately specialised in physical oceanography. His career in commercial operational oceanography started in 1976 when he joined Oceanneering International Ltd as an oceanographer. Since then he has worked for companies such as Hunting Surveys Ltd, Space Technology Systems and InstallOcean Ltd before joining Fugro GEOS in 1999, where he is currently Consultant Oceanographer. During his career he has worked on projects systems in, *inter alia*, the North Sea, harsh Arctic conditions, the Far East, West Africa and North Africa. He has designed, built and managed a wide variety of metocean equipment and complex real time metocean systems in these environments, including a CALM Buoy system, a major North Sea oil company's real time data system of 21 offshore stations connected to HQ in Aberdeen and FPSO systems.

As the award citation stated: "He is, by any standards, the complete commercial operational oceanographer and it is particularly fitting that he should receive the first award of this Prize as he was a friend and colleague of Alan Greig."

Ian Bellamy, who was awarded a mounted 1930s Eckman current meter – minus its ball bearings - said: "I am very thrilled. I worked with Alan Greig for 25 years as a friend and colleague. I really am over the moon to be awarded this in his memory".

### **About Alan Greig**

Alan Greig, who lost a brave fight against cancer in August 2004, was generally believed to be the UK's first-ever commercial oceanographer. After gaining a physics degree at Lancaster he studied oceanography at Bangor. His availability to the job market coincided with the emergence of the North Sea oil and gas market and his career led him through such organisations as Imcos Marine, Hunting Surveys, Space Technology, InstallOcean and, finally, Fugro GEOS. Along the way Alan gained a tremendous reputation for calmness, generosity and straightforwardness. The award, which is being made biennially, seeks to recognise achievements in the field of applied commercial oceanography.

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