

Society news

Society's AGM and awards

The Society held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) conference centre in London in May, and over 80 members attended. The AGM was combined with several topical presentations, including Prof Jo Haigh's Presidential Address. The Society's 2012 Awards were presented and this year's distinguished honorary fellows and award winners are listed below. The event was rounded off with a drinks reception and a chance for members to mingle. A video update for 2012 shown at the AGM can be seen at <https://www.rmets.org/agmvideo2013>

The Society appointed the following new Honorary Fellows, the highest award of membership made by the Society in recognition of a distinguished career and long standing contribution to meteorology, to:

Dr Antonio Divino Moura (Brazil),
Prof Akio Arakawa, (UCLA),
Prof Harry Bryden, FRS (UK).

The Society is also delighted to have made the following Awards for the year 2012:

Countdown to the 2013 conferences

All is now in place for a very busy conference time for the Society in September. Thanks to the supporters and sponsors of all our conferences this year.

The Society's 2013 Student Conference takes place at the University of Reading from 6 to 9 September. Registrations this year are very high and include participants from across Europe as well as the UK. We are looking forward to an interesting and varied programme which is available on the website, and we can still accept registrations up to 5 August.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the European Meteorological Society (EMS) and the 11th European Conference on Applications of Meteorology (ECAM) take place at the University of Reading from 9 to 13 September. Early registration rates are still available until 8 August, with an additional discount for members of the Society receiving a 'member' rate.

The Society's Second Amateur Meteorologists' Conference takes place at

the University of Reading from 13 to 15 September. Registration is open until 9 August and the programme can be accessed at www.rmets.org/events/royal-meteorological-societys-second-amateur-meteorologists-conference

In keeping with the Society's Corporate Responsibility Programme, printed paper for all our conferences is being kept to a minimum and a welcome pack for both the Student and Amateur Meteorologists' conferences will be available for delegates to download from our website at the end of July.

Hubert Lamb Centenary meeting

The Society, together with the University of East Anglia and the Climatic Research Unit, is celebrating the Hubert Lamb Centenary with a two-day event, which will be attended by members of the Lamb family, on 6 and 7 September 2013 at the University of East Anglia. The meeting programme includes contributions from Phil Jones, Richard Cornes and Giles Foden (all from the University of East Anglia), Dennis Wheeler (University of Sunderland), Aryan van Engelen (Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute), Kathleen Pribyl (University of Brighton), Astrid Ogilvie (Cicero, Norway, and the Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland) and Chris Folland (Met Office, Hadley Centre), as well as a visit to the Hubert Lamb Building (CRU) and an exhibition.

Amongst the topics covered will be: The Lamb Weather Types; Hubert Lamb's 'treasure trove': ships' logbooks and climate change; Storms and instrumental data; World War II meteorology and literature; Climate of the Low Countries, Past, Present and Future; Medieval documentary data sources from England; Documentary Historical Evidence for the Climate of Northern Europe in the Medieval Period, and Developments in UK and European seasonal forecasting since Hubert Lamb's time in the Met Office.

You can register online at www.rmets.org

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Award	Award winner 2012
The Symons Gold Medal	Dr Tim Barnett
Buchan Prize	Dr Mark Rodwell
The Hugh Robert Mill Award	Dr Christopher M Taylor
L F Richardson Prize	Dr Tim Woollings
The Michael Hunt Award	Jointly to Dr Paul Williams FRMetS and Dr Andrew Russell
Adrian Gill Prize	Prof Dudley Shallcross FRMetS
IBM Award for Meteorological Innovation that matters	Old Weather (led by Dr Philip Brohan)
Vaisala Award	Dr Ian Strangeways FRMetS
The Gordon Manley Weather Prize	Andrew Sibley FRMetS
Quarterly Journal Editor's Award	Prof Peter Jan van Leeuwen FRMetS
International Journal of Climatology Editor's Award (sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell)	Prof Johnny Chan
Atmospheric Science Letters Editor's Award	Prof Sat Ghosh
James Paton Memorial Prize	Ms Rohan Beyts for a photograph submitted by James Brownhill
Jehuda Neumann Memorial Prize (awarded by the History of Meteorology & Physical Oceanography Special Interest Group)	Brian Booth