

## WINNER OF THE BEN STURGEON AWARD 2008

The Ben Sturgeon Award 2008 was won by Professor Ifor Samuel of the University of St Andrews. As reported on Page 3 of this newsletter, the award was presented to Professor Samuel by the chapter chairman, Dr Richard Harding, Merck Chemicals Ltd at the organic electronics meeting at Imperial College in September 2008. During the meeting, Ifor presented a paper on his work entitled, 'Using photophysical measurements to improve organic light-emitting materials and devices'.

Ifor read physics at Cambridge University where he was awarded his MA and PhD in Physics at Cambridge. After finishing his PhD, he worked for France Telecom in Paris for two years, investigating the non linear optical properties of organic materials. He then returned to Cambridge for a year, where he received a Royal Society University Research Fellowship and took up a position at the University of Durham until August 2000 when he moved to the University of St Andrews. In 2001 he started the Organic Semiconductor Centre to encourage collaboration between physicists and chemists in developing the next generation of organic semiconductors and the wider field of organic electronics.



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