

IUPAP expresses its deep sorrow over the passing away of Professor Alan Astbury (1934-2014).

Alan served IUPAP as its president-designate (2002-2005), president (2005-2008) and former president (2008-2011).

Alan was a man with clear ideas and active engagement in introducing and implementing new initiatives in IUPAP. *During his presidency he succeeded in recruiting eleven new IUPAP member countries thereby extending the influence of IUPAP, for the benefit of physics in general, into a wider selection of countries. Thanks to him a new scheme for admitting new members was introduced to ensure a fair and smooth transition. Another initiative of Alan's was the introduction of IUPAP Young Scientist Medal and Prize, which have been awarded by the IUPAP Commissions since 2006. Alan was also committed to making physics itself more inclusive and worked hard to bring women into leadership positions within IUPAP.*

*Outside IUPAP, Alan was a much appreciated scientist who made great contributions, see*

<http://www.uvic.ca/science/physics/home/home/news/current/astbury.php>

<http://home.web.cern.ch/cern-people/obituaries/2014/07/alan-astbury-1934-2014>

*and last but not least he was a wonderful private person, see*

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?pid=171850519>

*We are deeply indebted to Alan and wish to express our condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.*

*Cecilia Jarlskog*

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