

PRESENTATION OF F.B. GUTHRIE AWARD

The Conference Chairman, Mr. T.P. Molan, asked Mr. E.J. O'Brien to present the award on behalf of the Cereal Chemistry Division. Mr. O'Brien gave the following address:-

Mr. Chairman,

It is an honour to be permitted, on your behalf, to present the

F.B. Guthrie Award for Cereal Chemistry

To our distinguished colleague -

Dr. John Wilson Lee.

This is of great significance to our Cereal Chemistry Division which has been operating on a yearly conference basis for 24 years.

It doesn't seem that long ago that Eric Bond, Robert Bottomley and I in the Windsor Bar, decided that our rather exclusive meetings should be widened. This was the commencement and I find it hard to remember any particular period when the future prospects of the Division were in any doubt.

For years we have talked of having some award to encourage younger scientists or to reward some distinguished member but until now it has been a vague thought presented from time to time at our business meetings.

But today we have come of age with our own award. The F.B. Guthrie Award which is to be made for meritorious services to Cereal Chemistry in Australia and New Zealand at 4 year intervals. Wilson Lee will probably have more to say about Guthrie, but let me say he was a contemporary of Farrer and was one of the first Cereal Chemists.

In fact he pioneered small scale testing of wheat in this country and seized upon Osborne's procedures for fractionating flour protein and applied it to his own work. He would have been intrigued, like all us, at the instruments described to us this morning and their implications for the future.

So much for Guthrie who we honour in retrospect for his achievements in the early days of cereal technology.

The award we make today is to recognise the outstanding work of Dr. John Wilson Lee and by so doing to encourage our younger colleagues to emulate his achievements.

It would be inappropriate for me not to summarise the citation which commended Dr. Lee for this award.

- (1) The relevance of research to industry has been an absorbing theme of Dr. Lee's career. In particular he has made a substantial contribution to the development and commercial application of the addition of milk solids to bread.
- (2) Dr. Lee's professional standing in the fields of cereal biochemistry is virtually unequalled in this country and his interests and activities have been widely spread both geographically and in range of topics.

His work in Australia, at the University of Minnesota and at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology is highly regarded by all those competent to judge.

- (3) Dr. Lee's research has been of considerable benefit to the Cereal Industry. Incorporation of milk solids into bread is a particular example.
- (4) Dr. Lee was a foundation member of the Cereal Chemistry Division and has served on many Committees, presented many conference papers and has in other ways assisted in Conference organisation. He has also been an active officer of the Australian Biochemical Society, a kindred association.
- (5) Dr. Lee has published more than 30 significant papers in the scientific literature and is noted for his clarity of expression, logic and absolute integrity.

In short Dr. John Wilson Lee is a worthy recipient of the First F.B. Guthrie award for Cereal Chemistry.

I have much pleasure Wilson in presenting this token of the award and inviting you to address the meeting.