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Honours, Prizes & Awards

List of Awards and Honours Granted to Fellows, May 2021 – April 2022

Note: The following list is compiled from Fellows' Bulletins of the past year. The information is arranged by the month in which the news was publicised, not the month in which the award or honour was granted. It does not include book publications or small grant awards.

May 2021

Professor Bernard Schutz FLSW FRS, Professor in the School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University, [was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society](#). Professor Schutz is a theoretical physicist, specialising in gravitational wave science.

Professor Mike Edmunds, Emeritus Professor of Astrophysics, Cardiff University, was [elected as the next President of the Royal Astronomical Society](#). He will serve as President from 2022 - 2024.

Professor Val O'Donnell, who works on finding new types of lipids and understanding their impact on our health, [was awarded the Morton Lecture in the annual Biochemical Society awards](#).

War: How Conflict Shaped Us, by Honorary Fellow Professor Margaret MacMillan, was [shortlisted for the 2021 Lionel Gelber Prize](#).

June 2021

Professor Ambreena Manji was invited to join ALLEA's core working group on the project 'Climate Sustainability in the Academic System'. She also received an invitation to give an impulse talk to a CERN Physics conference on [global south perspectives on travel and access](#).

Professor David Toll, Professor in the Department of Engineering at Durham University, became the [Chair of the British Geotechnical Association](#), the principal association for geotechnical engineers in the United Kingdom.

Professor Damian Walford Davies was named Deputy Vice Chancellor of Cardiff University.

July 2021

Professor Sally Power was [elected to sit on the British Educational Research Association \(BERA\) Council](#). BERA works to advance research quality, build research capacity and foster research engagement.

Media.cymru, a Cardiff University-led consortium headed by **Professor Justin Lewis** [won a £50m bid to develop a world-leading cluster for media innovation](#) in the Cardiff Capital Region.

Professor Ole Petersen, Vice-President, Academia Europaea, was [elected Fellow of the International Union of Physiological Sciences \(IUPS\)](#) and become an inaugural member of the IUPS Academy of Physiology.

Professor Nigel John was [awarded a higher doctorate, a Doctor of Science \(DSc\), by the University of Chester](#). Prof John's research has been mainly focussed on the application of visualization and virtual environments to medical applications.

Professor Jeremy Hooker [was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature](#).

August 2021

Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell HonFLSW, one of our Honorary Fellows, [was awarded the Copley Medal 2021 by the Royal Society](#) for her work on the discovery of pulsars.

Sir Stephen O'Rahilly HonFLSW was [a co-winner of the Royal Society's Croonian Medal and Lecture 2022](#) for his work on the control of human body weight.

The Eisteddfod AmGen included video retrospectives of two past Fellows: [Professor Glyn O. Phillips](#) and [Professor John Meurig Thomas](#).

September 2021

Professor Helen Fulton's nomination to sit on [ALLEA's](#) Working Group on the European Research Area (ERA) was accepted, 'continuing and strengthening the partnership between ALLEA and the Learned Society of Wales.'

Professor Mike Charlton accepted an invitation to sit on the [UK Academies Human Rights Committee](#).

Baroness Ilora Finlay has been elected to the [British Medical Association's ethics committee](#)

Academi Heddwch Cymru has announced that the [former Archbishop of Wales and Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams](#), will be its first Chair.

Professor Ralph A. Griffiths [received the British Academy's 2021 Derek Allen Prize](#) for his 'outstanding contribution to the field of the late medieval history of Wales and England'.

Professor Hazel Walford Davies [won Literature Wales' Welsh-language Creative Non-Fiction Award](#) for her volume [O.M.: Cofiant Syr Owen Morgan Edwards](#) (Gwasg Gomer).

Professor Claire Gorrara and the MFL Mentoring Cymru team were [shortlisted for a THE Widening Participation / Outreach Initiative of the Year award](#) for their modern foreign languages mentoring scheme.

Professor Lynne Boddy [won the Arboricultural Association's Award](#), 'in recognition of her significant and positive contribution to the arboricultural profession.'

With her co-edited book, [Seventy Years Of Struggle And Achievement: Life Stories Of Ethnic Minority](#)

[Women Living In Wales](#), **Professor Meena Upadhyaya** also features as one of 12 significant Welsh women in a new book, [Genod Gwych a Merched Medrus 2](#) by Medi Jones Jackson.

The introduction to *Seventy Years of Struggle and Achievement* was written by **Professor Terry Threadgold** who is herself featured in a recently published book. She is one of the interviewees in [Women in Social Semiotics and SFL: Making a Difference](#), which showcases women who have taken social semiotics and systemic functional linguistics into 'new and innovative directions'.

October 2021

Professor Hanna Diamond won a two year Leverhulme research fellowship [to write a new book charting the wartime experiences of entertainer, Josephine Baker](#).

Professor Geoff Richards became a [Fellow of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Society](#), one of only six fellows elected this year from all over the world. This coincided with Professor Richards marking [thirty years at the AO Foundation](#).

Professor Hywel Ceri Jones received a Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Mons, having already received similar from ULB and Leuven universities in Belgium.

November 2021

Professor Jenny Kitzinger won the [ESCR's 2021 Outstanding Public Policy Impact Prize](#) for her team's work on 'changing the law to promote person-centred decision-making for 'coma' patients'.

Professor Hywel Thomas has been [elected as a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences](#) at their recent conference.

Professor David Boucher was reappointed for five years from 1st January, 2022 as a Distinguished Visiting Professor under the [University of Johannesburg](#) Global Excellence and Stature Initiative.

January 2022

Professor Hywel Thomas, in his role as President of the Society, agreed to join the Sounding Board for Sir Paul Nurse's Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Landscape Review.

- [Sir Paul Nurse RDI Landscape Review details](#).

Professor Julie Lydon, former Vice-Chancellor, University South Wales, received a [damehood for services to higher education](#).

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Professor of GP Education, University of Birmingham, was also awarded [a damehood, for services to general practice](#).

Professor Tavi Murray, Professor of Glaciology, Swansea University, was awarded [a CBE for services to glaciology and climate change research](#).

February 2022

Professor David N. Thomas, The Professor of Arctic Ecosystems Research at the University of Helsinki, was [awarded the Polar Medal by HM The Queen](#) in recognition of his research and leadership

in both the Arctic and Antarctic.

Professor John Loughlin is one of the Senior Expert Advisors who have co-written the [Report of the High Level Group on European Democracy](#) for the European Committee of the Regions. The report is the CoR High Level Group's submission to the [Conference on the Future of Europe](#).

Professor Hywel Thomas will be Academia Europaea's nominated expert on the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) Working Group. [The Group will work on a new EASAC project on the 'Future of Gas'](#).

March 2022

Professor Ruth King was [awarded the Royal Statistical Society's Barnett Award](#) for her internationally recognised work on statistical ecology and use of Bayesian statistics.

Professor Geraint Lewis was [awarded the Pollock Memorial Lectureship](#) from the Royal Society of New South Wales for his work on the dark matter and dark energy in the universe.

April 2022

Professor Helen Fulton was [awarded a five-year, €2.4m ERC Advanced grant for a project about the medieval March of Wales](#). She will be writing a cultural history of the March and producing the first-ever maps of the Marcher lordships.

Professor D. Densil Morgan was [awarded the Francis Jones Prize from Jesus College, Oxford](#) for his book *Theologia Cambrensis: Protestant Religion and Theology in Wales*.

Other news not reported in the Fellows Bulletin

Professor Ruth King was elected a [Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics](#)

Prof. Keshav Singhal was awarded the First Minister's Special Award at the St David Awards 2021.