

### 2014 Award for Service winners

Our Award for Service gives recognition to outstanding non-academic work in support of the Royal Society of Chemistry. This year we celebrate the long-standing efforts of three of our members.



**Dr Alan George Osborne**  
CChem FRSC

Dr Alan Osborne receives his Award for Service for extensive activities in our Essex Local Section. Since

gaining membership in 1966, he deepened his participation in Royal Society of Chemistry activities when he joined the Essex Local Section in 1994. As an active member and, later, the Section's Secretary, he was vital in initiating projects such as Fun with Chemistry, a programme that delivers presentations to secondary schools, or Spectroscopy Workshops, which give students hands-on experience of spectroscopy. He also runs a Chemistry Mastermind game as the Essex Local Section selection process for our Top of the Bench competition, a process that has picked several winning teams.



**Professor Parasuraman Selvam**  
FRSC

Our second Award for Service recipient, Professor Parasuraman Selvam, is the Honorary President of our Local

Section in South India. Having previously been involved with the West India Section, he played an important part in reinstating the South India Section as an active member group following his move to the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. He has been active in promoting chemistry in educational settings, running Academic Awareness Chemistry programmes, which range from conferences to workshops, about current topics such as environmental issues. He also organises invited lectures for universities and school outreach programmes such as practical demonstrations and quizzes.



**Professor Peter Anthony Tasker**  
CChem FRSC FRSE

Professor Peter Tasker receives his Award for Service for support spanning over 40 years. He initiated various

programmes, from our Schools Analyst Competition to our Coordination Chemistry Discussion Group, and, most recently, the Dalton Summer School for graduate students, which is consistently oversubscribed. Another significant contribution to the Royal Society of Chemistry is the international network he has fostered on our behalf. Peter has established links with Local Sections in Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, and with the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry. In the UK, he has also improved relations between different Discussion Groups, enabling the larger Dalton Inorganic Meetings to become a success.