

CITATION FOR THE DOBSON HENRY MEDAL (IB)

The person nominated to receive the Dobson Henry medal has, over a long period of time, made an outstanding contribution to the audio visual medium, in particular furthering the activity of the medium. The recipient has always made a significant impact in the area where they live by encouraging people with an interest in AV to take their first steps in the medium, facilitating the setting up of new AV groups to further the AV cause and giving time to people who need help with their AV productions. Additionally, the nominee has provided AV demonstrations and presentations at very many camera clubs and AV groups throughout and beyond the UK.

Over the last 20 years we have seen the introduction of digital AV which has made so many things possible and has allowed the imagination to be the boundary of what can be achieved. The recipient has made a major contribution in advancing this digital progress. One of their very successful approaches has been to set AV tutorials and projects with the use of guidance notes in order to provide a practical understanding of the features of both Photoshop and PTE. This has been very much appreciated by both newcomers as well as those more experienced in the digital process.

They have been a member of the RPS since 1982 when they gained their LRPS in slides and ten years later the recipient was awarded their ARPS in slide/tape AV. However, in 2003 they were the first person to achieve a Fellowship of the RPS with a digitally-projected set of sequences. The recipient has been a Panel Member on both the AV and Multimedia Distinctions Panels, has been a judge at regional AV competitions as well as for National and International AV Festivals, both in the UK and abroad. They have lectured at most AV Groups in the UK, and at various AV events in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands and Australia. From 2009 to 2015 this person was the Chairman of the RPS International AV Festival.

By now you have probably guessed who I am talking about but if not, I'll give you one last clue. Up until a few years ago anyone attending AV days in Aldbourne, Wantage or WAVES and who had either tea or coffee would not have been able to resist the biscuits. These were affectionately known, not by their trade name, but fondly as "Ian Bateman biscuits".

However, it is not for his contribution to the biscuit world, but it is for his outstanding contribution to the Audio Visual medium, that I am pleased to announce that **Ian Bateman** FRPS MPAGB APAGB AV-AFIAP is awarded the Dobson Henry medal.