

Presentation of Sixth Robert Boyle Gold Medal

The Immediate Past-President of the Analytical Division of the RSC, Professor D. Thorburn Burns, presented the sixth Robert Boyle Gold Medal to Professor H. Malissa at the Euroanalysis VII Conference in Vienna. In making the presentation, Professor Thorburn Burns described some of Boyle's relevant work in the analytical chemistry field and also his interest in Europe as a whole, mainly engendered by his making the "Grand Tour" between 1638 and 1644.

Professor Thorburn Burns then described Professor Malissa's career, including his interest in microchemistry, his period at the Max Planck Institute in Düsseldorf, his raising of the Institute for Analytical Chemistry of the Technical University of Vienna to world fame and his Presidency of the Analytical Division of IUPAC from 1962 to 1965. Another major event in his life had been a private audience with Pope Paul VI in 1967.

The photograph shows Professor Hans Malissa (L) receiving the medal from Professor Thorburn Burns.

