

## **Laurence Boyle - In Memoriam**

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Laurence Boyle was born in Oxford in 1942. He graduated Oxford University with a BSc degree in chemistry and mathematics, followed by a MA and a DPhil in theoretical chemistry. After his doctorate, he was appointed at the Chemistry Department of the University of Kent at Canterbury UK where he worked until his retirement.

Professionally, Laurence specialized in applications of group theory to chemistry, spectroscopy and crystallography. He published about 80 papers and was most proud of his paper with Kerie Green on the complete derivation of the representation groups and projective representations of the classical point groups.

Dr. Boyle was appointed to the Standing Committee in 1979 in anticipation of his organizing the 10th International Colloquium on

Group-Theoretical Methods in Physics (ICGTMP) in Canterbury in 1981 with Arthur Cracknell (Dundee). The chairman at the time was Aloysio Janner (Nijmegen) and Laurence was appointed Honorary Secretary, a post which he held for 29 years.

Laurence had experience of organizing other conferences such as the 3rd Wigner Symposium (Oxford, 1993) with Allan Solomon (Open University) and Maia Angelova (then Oxford University), the 24th Quantum Theory Conference (Guernsey, 1993) and two smaller conferences in a stately



home near Canterbury in fulfilment of a contract with the European Commission. He was involved in the establishment of the Quantum Theory and Symmetries conference series and was a member of its Standing Committee.

He loved books, geology, antique furniture and travelling. He spoke fluently several languages.

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