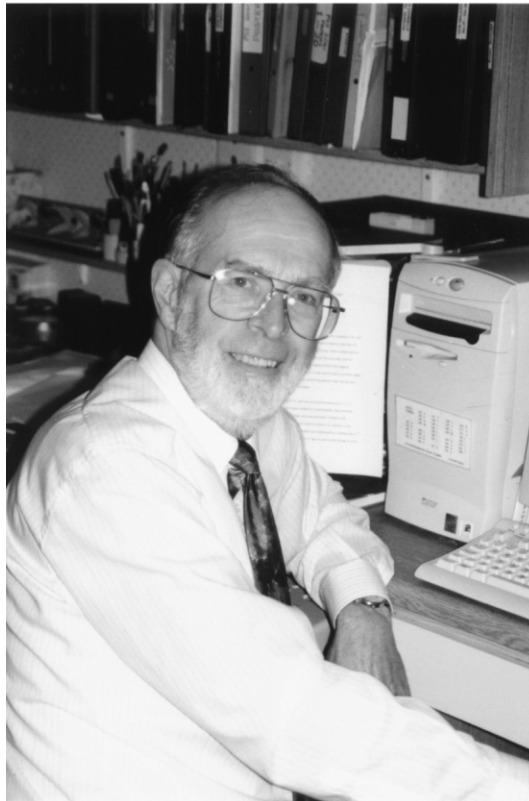

The Frank M. Booth Award

The Frank M. Booth Award, established in 1970, is named after the founder of these International Symposia. It is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of Power Sources, both technically, and in furthering the effectiveness of the Symposia.

For the 2001 Power Sources Symposium, the Board of Trustees is delighted to announce that they have made the award to Austin Attewell, the retiring Symposium Editor.

Austin Attewell



After reading chemistry at London University and service in the Royal Air Force, Austin Attewell joined the UK Scientific Civil Service and for 42 years worked at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. Early in his career with batteries, he began work on thermal and other types of batteries for use in guided weapons. Later, he was involved with primary zinc-air and with the safe usage of lithium primary batteries in military environments. Much of his time was spent in the development of battery hardware, both in-house and extra murally, and in trying to cultivate the correct usage of batteries by the Armed Forces. He organised and supervised several test houses devoted to the evaluation and hazard testing of all types of battery of interest to the British Army and the Royal Air Force.

In later years, as a consultant at the R.A.E., he was involved in specification work and in the creation of a data base containing details of all batteries of interest to the UK military.

Of the delegates at the 2001 Conference, he was the only one who had attended all, except one, of the International Power Sources Symposia since their inception in 1958. He contributed several papers on subjects ranging from thermal batteries to the

safety testing of lithium types, whilst in 1988 he reviewed changes which had occurred in battery technology during the first 30 years of the Symposium's existence. He became editor in 1993, and worked on the production of five volumes of the Proceedings: *Power Sources 14 through 18*.

For several years, he contributed a regular column: *Power Source Voice to Batteries International* that, besides presenting his own views of the battery scene, past and present, was used — often blatantly — to publicise forthcoming Power Source Symposia.

Cooperation with those government organisations and manufacturers in North America who were working on weapons' batteries led to an appreciation of the United States as a vacation location and for many years he and his wife have spent several weeks there on annual holiday.

Photography, an interest in all aspects of the British countryside — its landscape, transport and buildings — combined with a lifelong interest in model-making has led him into having a deep involvement with a charitable museum which is involved in an ambitious project to re-create in miniature and with detailed accuracy, a small part of Southern England as it appeared in the inter-war years.

He hopes to be able to attend the next Symposium in 2003, as this will be the occasion to celebrate 50 years of involvement with battery R&D.

Previous recipients of the Award have been:

Dr M. Barak	1960–1970
Dr P. Reasbeck	1960–1970
Mr A.L. Taylor	1960–1970
Mrs J. Burbank	1970
Dr J.F. Laurent	1972
Dr M.I. Gillibrand	1974
Mr D.H. Collins	1976
Prof H.R. Thirsk	1978
Dr P. Ruetschi	1980
Mr M.H.J. Lemmon	1982
Dr J.P. Gabano	1986
Prof F.L. Tye	1986
Mr N.E. Bagshaw	1988
Prof K. Kordesch	1991
Mrs S.M. Bourner	1993
Dr G.J. Donaldson	1995
Dr P.M. Skarstad	1997
Mr S. Goodman	1999
Prof. A.J. Salkind	1999