

Professor Cyril A Hogarth

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In this issue we have a paper “Comments on the phenomena underlying pressure stimulated currents (PSC) in dielectric rock materials” [1] that Cyril Hogarth co-authored. We are sorry to report that he recently died at the age of 82 years. From 1943 to 1946 Cyril worked on naval radar and countermeasures in the UK, Canada, USA and the Arctic. He returned to academia and obtained his PhD from Queen Mary College London in 1948. This was followed by relatively short spells at Chelsea College London and Reading University before a longer period at the Royal Radar Establishment. By this time he had become an acknowledged expert on semiconductor science and technology and hence it was no surprise when in 1958 he was appointed as Head of the Department of Physics at Brunel University. He played a major managerial role at Brunel for 31 years, serving as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1980. Although he retired in 1989, like many outstanding scientists, he continued to be research active.

Cyril Hogarth was a great supporter of the Journal of Materials Science and up until the mid-1990s he regularly published a number of papers every year in the Journal. His output and support for the Journal are exemplified by the years 1990 and 1991 when he pub-

lished 17 and 13 articles, respectively in the Journal! Also, over his long and distinguished career he investigated a wide range of materials and their properties in addition to his work on semiconductors. One such interest was glasses and he had two particularly well cited articles in the Journal in 1985, namely “A study of optical absorption in tellurite and tungsten tellurite glasses” [2] (cited 38 times) and “A comparative study of the effects of rare earth oxides on the physical, optical, electrical and structural properties of vanadium phosphate glasses” [3] (cited 27 times).

Cyril Hogarth will be sorely missed by the Journal and all those that knew him. He leaves a wife, Audrey, and two children.

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