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## The G. W. Gray Medal

The British Liquid Crystal Society has instituted the G.W. Gray Medal to commemorate the award of the Kyoto Prize to Professor George Gray FRS CBE. It is fitting that the first recipient of the prize is Professor John Goodby of Hull University who began his research career with George in 1975. John's extensive contributions to liquid crystal research are well known and on receiving the medal he said, 'I am very honoured, proud and "touched" to receive the G.W. Gray Medal. As the award was initiated to commemorate George Gray's immense contributions to the study of liquid crystals, and because of my past collaborations with George, the

award is particularly special to me. I feel that it is very important for young people starting off in research to be able to work under the guidance of world-class scientists (even if you don't know that is the case at the time). I was particularly lucky to work with first George, then Alan Leadbetter, and then to spend a number of years at Bell Labs which was populated with scientists of international repute. I owe a lot to my mentors and colleagues who have helped me with my science over the years and who have made this award possible.'

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