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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Synchrotron scientist wins 2007 ANZAAS Medal**

The Australia and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS), now in its 120<sup>th</sup> year and the oldest national public interest advocacy organization for the cause of science in Australasia, is pleased to announce that **Professor John W Boldeman** has been awarded the 2007 **ANZAAS Medal**.

Professor Boldeman began a 41-year career with the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (then called the Australian Atomic Energy Commission) at Lucas Heights, NSW, in 1960, becoming Director of its Physics Division in 1987. He left in 2001 to become Professor of Synchrotron Science at the University of Queensland and until the end of 2002, Foundation Technical Director of the **Australian Synchrotron** in Melbourne. He went on to become the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Victorian Government on this project.

He founded the Australian Synchrotron Research Program (which arranged access for Australian scientists to synchrotrons in the USA and Japan) and in collaboration with the scientific community and the Victorian Industrial Synchrotron Roundtable prepared a proposal for an Australian Synchrotron which has since taken shape as a national project in Melbourne.

Professor Boldeman is presently involved in the preparation and promotion of a new radiotherapy facility for the treatment of cancer. He is also a professor at the University of Wollongong.

First presented on 16 August 1965 at the 38<sup>th</sup> ANZAAS Congress in Hobart, Tasmania, the **ANZAAS Medal** is awarded for either services to the advancement of science - or the administration and organisation of scientific activities throughout Australia and New Zealand -or for contributions in science beyond the normal professional obligation of the scientist.

The ANZAAS Medal is only presented during the proceedings of a significant scientific event, which this year will be connected with the opening - on site - this morning (Tuesday) of the \$207 million Australian Synchrotron at Clayton in Melbourne's south-east.

• Professor Boldeman will be presented with the 2007 **ANZAAS Medal** at a private State Government function in **Queens Hall, Parliament of Victoria, at 6pm** today. (A copy of the citation is attached.) Inquiries: Campbell Giles 0407 972 900, Stefanie Pearce 03 9655 6676.

The names of past ANZAAS Medallists can be found on the association's website: [www.anzaas.org.au](http://www.anzaas.org.au)

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