

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

### **Posthumous honour to Graham Fraser**

Your readers may be interested to know that the College of Speech and Language Therapists has awarded a posthumous honour to Graham Fraser FRCS, Consultant Otolaryngologist at University College London Hospitals.

Theo Read, Principal Speech and Language Therapist, recalls Graham Fraser as a man of vision and determination, recognizing the potential value of cochlear implants from an early stage. Having led a team which developed and proved the effectiveness of a single channel cochlear implant, he was keen that people should have access to a range of options and was working on the development of a British multichannel device at the time of his death. Alister Kerr, Consultant Otolaryngologist at Edinburgh Royal

Infirmery, who accepted the honour on behalf of Mrs Patricia Fraser, said his friend was the driving force and inspiration behind the cochlear implant programme in the UK.

Graham Fraser was held in particular esteem by speech and language therapists as he actively promoted and encouraged team working, research and the education of students. His Honorary Fellowship has been awarded to ensure that, although missed by his colleagues, family and friends, his outstanding contribution to the speech and language therapy profession is not forgotten.

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