

# Gero Thomas Commemorative Medal Recipients

**Gero Thomas was the Secretary General of the EPS from 1973 to 1999 and played an essential role in the growth and development of the Society. He guided the Society through its early years and contributed greatly to establishing its financial stability.**

During his 25 years as Secretary General, Gero Thomas collaborated with 13 Presidents. Many new Member Societies, particularly from Eastern and Central Europe joined the EPS during this time. He was attentive to the needs of the members; always willing to help in any way he could, both professionally and personally. The Gero Thomas Medal was created in 2000 to honour in his memory, and his contributions to EPS and is given to individuals for outstanding service to the Society.

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2018	<b>Angela Oleandri</b>	For her outstanding and sustained contributions to the development of physics publications in Europe, including her support to the creation and development of the EPJ series of journals and EPL(Europhysics Letters).
2017	<b>Jo. L. F. Hermans</b>	For his role as Science Editor of Europhysics News and his numerous contributions to education and public understanding of physics.”
2016	<b>Dénes Lajos Nagy</b>	The Gero Thomas Medal 2016 is awarded to Dénes Lajos Nagy, from Budapest, for his dedication and numerous contributions and commitment to the EPS in the fields of East West relations, and international scientific cooperation.
2015	<b>Gerardo Delgado Barrio</b>	The Gero Thomas Medal 2015 is awarded to Gerardo Delgado Barrio, from Madrid, for commitment to the EPS in the fields of international scientific cooperation, outreach and education, and physics for development.
2014	<b>Robert Lambourne</b>	The Gero Thomas Medal 2014 is awarded to Robert Lambourne for outstanding contributions to the physics education activities of the EPS.
2013	<b>Christine Petit-Jean-Genaz</b>	The Gero Thomas Medal 2013 is awarded to Christine Petit-Jean-Genaz for outstanding contributions to the Accelerator Group of the EPS.
2012	<b>Peter Melville</b>	The Gero Thomas Medal 2012 is awarded to Peter Melville for outstanding contributions to the EPS.
2011	<b>Claude Sébenne</b>	Claude Sébenne received the Gero Thomas Memorial Medal in recognition for his important contribution to the EPS as a member of the Executive Committee and as the Editor of Europhysics News.
2010	<b>Gunnar Tibbell</b>	The award recognizes Gunnar Tibbell’s wide-ranging and influential activities in the area of physics education (and his efforts to ensure that physics education at all levels was fully supported and represented within the EPS).



- 2009     **Jaroslav Nadrchal**     Jaroslav Nadrchal has contributed significantly to the EPS through piloting activities aimed at improving relations among physicists in Eastern and Central European countries with physicists in Western Europe.
- 2008     **George Morrison**     G. Morrison actively supported the EPS for over 30 years. As the editor of Europhyscis News, it was transformed into a lively news magazine.
- 2005     **John Lewis**     John Lewis made important contributions to the EPS, particularly in his role as Treasurer. He was also instrumental in developing educational activities, including the Malvern Seminar.
- 2002     **Eddy Lingeman**     Eddy Lingeman has shown dedication and commitment to the EPS and its goals since its creation. He has been involved in organising workshops, in EPS education activities and in the design and hosting of the EPS website.

