

Institution of Agricultural Engineers

Award of Merit 2011

E. Wynne Jones

Professor Wynne Jones is a well known and respected figure in the farming world. His personal contributions have been recognised by the industry through, for example, his Fellowship of the Royal Agricultural Societies, by the RASE's National Agricultural Award in 2005 and the Farmers Club Cup in 2007 for an outstanding contribution to British Agriculture. In 2009 he was awarded the OBE for services to agricultural higher education.

Wynne was Principal of Harper Adams University College from 1996 to 2009 and was previously, from 1988, the College's Vice Principal and Director of Academic Affairs.

During his time as Principal the University College achieved considerable success and recognition for the quality of its work with rural businesses and communities. It received in 2005 the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education and in 2007 the Business in the Community Climate Change Regional Award for Excellence. In 2007 Harper Adams was named the Sunday Times University College of the Year and was short listed for the title of University of the Year. It is a further mark of Professor Jones's leadership that the University College was granted both Taught and Research Degree Awarding Powers during his term as Principal.

In addition, Wynne has held many appointments to agricultural strategic boards and advisory committees because of his knowledge and expertise.

Since his retirement, Wynne was appointed President of Future Farmers of Wales. He has also featured in the popular Welsh television programme 'Fferm Ffactor' which has promoted a wider understanding of farming to the general public.

Chairman of the Dairy Science Forum and of the Trehane Trust, Council member of Aberystwyth University, Chairman of the Moderating Panel for the Council for Awards of Royal Agricultural Societies. The list goes on.

Throughout his career in agriculture and agricultural higher education Professor Jones has been a strong advocate for agricultural engineering, in which Harper Adams has considerable academic interest.

IAgrE is delighted to award this Award of Merit – even if belatedly