

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Proposed L. H. Briggs Memorial Prize: Appeal for Contributions

The death in January 1975 of Professor L. H. Briggs, D.Sc., F.R.S.N.Z., F.N.Z.I.C. will have saddened all who knew him.

Professor Briggs gave distinguished service to New Zealand science, having been *inter alia* a Fellow, Hector medallist, and in 1956 President of the Royal Society of New Zealand; a Fellow, I.C.I. medallist, and in 1959 President of the New Zealand Institute of Chemistry; a member and in 1952–1955 President of the Auckland Institute and Museum; a past president of the Auckland Science Teachers Association; a past president of the Auckland Referees Association; and a Fellow of the Chemical Society (London) since 1929. He was educated at Hastings District High School, at Auckland Grammar School, and at Auckland University College (University of New Zealand); he later studied at Massey Agricultural College and at Oxford University. He was a member of staff of Auckland University College (later, Auckland University) from 1933 until his death.

He brought great distinction to the University and to New Zealand through his devoted work, both internationally and towards the development of the University and the teaching of students. In the view of many of his friends, his most notable contribution resulted from his boundless enthusiasm for research into the nature and constitution of chemical compounds to be found in New Zealand native flora. This was a continuing theme throughout his life; it resulted in the training of many students for original work of international calibre, and in the publication of more than 160 original scientific papers. In the early days of his career, it was carried out with very little scientific facilities or support.

We, and fellow members of staff in the Chemistry Department of the University of Auckland, believe that his work should be remembered through the establishment of a prize, to be called "The L. H. Briggs Memorial Prize", to be awarded each year to the most distinguished research student in the Chemistry Department. With approval of the Council of the University of Auckland, we now seek contributions to a fund to enable such a prize to be set up, and we appeal to all those who knew Bob Briggs or his work to send donations to:

The Registrar,  
University of Auckland,  
Private Bag  
Auckland, New Zealand.

Cheques should be made out to the University of Auckland, L. H. Briggs Memorial Appeal. Official receipts will be sent to contributors; amounts of \$2 or more qualify as charitable donations for New Zealand Income Tax purposes.

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