

**PRESENTATION OF AN INSTITUTE FINLAISON
MEDAL TO DR GREGORY CLIVE TAYLOR**

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Julian Leigh, F.I.A. Greg Taylor is a towering figure in the development of practical methodologies for non-life insurance analysis, and in the Australian actuarial community. He is the author of *Loss Reserving: An Actuarial Perspective* published in 1998 by Kluwer, and was a co-editor of Wiley's *Encyclopaedia of Actuarial Science*. He has also published around 130 contributions to other books and articles in learned actuarial, mathematical, statistical and biological journals. He holds honorary Chairs in Actuarial Studies at the University of Melbourne and at the University of New South Wales.

Following a Bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics, Dr Taylor completed two PhDs, one in actuarial mathematics and one in theoretical physics, all at Macquarie University. He became a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1968, and subsequently a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

Dr Taylor is a founding director of Taylor Fry Consulting Actuaries, a consultancy of about 30 persons. He has consulted to insurers, corporations, Federal and State governments and has occupied extended lecturing or research positions in the US, UK, Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Portugal, and has delivered individual lectures in a number of other countries.

Dr Taylor is an Officer of Order of Australia, awarded in recognition of his contribution to actuarial science in Australia and internationally. He has also been awarded the Gold Medal of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia, the only one awarded in the Institute's 110-year history. His research papers have also been recognized, with honours including the 1995 Halmstad prize for the best paper published in Actuarial Science, the Charles A Hachemeister and Michelbacher prizes of the Casualty Actuarial Society, and the SCOR International Actuarial Award. He is currently an Associate Editor of "Insurance: Mathematics and Economics".

Dr Taylor has, throughout his career, achieved recognition both in the academic and practice areas of the profession. His prolific research output is internationally recognized for its creativity and scholarship. The consulting firm of which he was a founder has succeeded, and holds a very strong reputation in providing leading edge solutions to current problems in non-life insurance. I have great pleasure in presenting him with this Finlaison Medal.