



Alan Stewart Curry

1925 - 2007

A Tribute

Tony Moffat





The Scientist

- Insulin murder by Barlow
- PubMed gives 55 papers
- Determination of ethanol in blood by gas chromatography
A. S. Curry, G. W. Walker, G. S. Simpson, *Analyst*,
1966, 742
- UV spectroscopy use
- TLC use



The School of Pharmacy
University of London

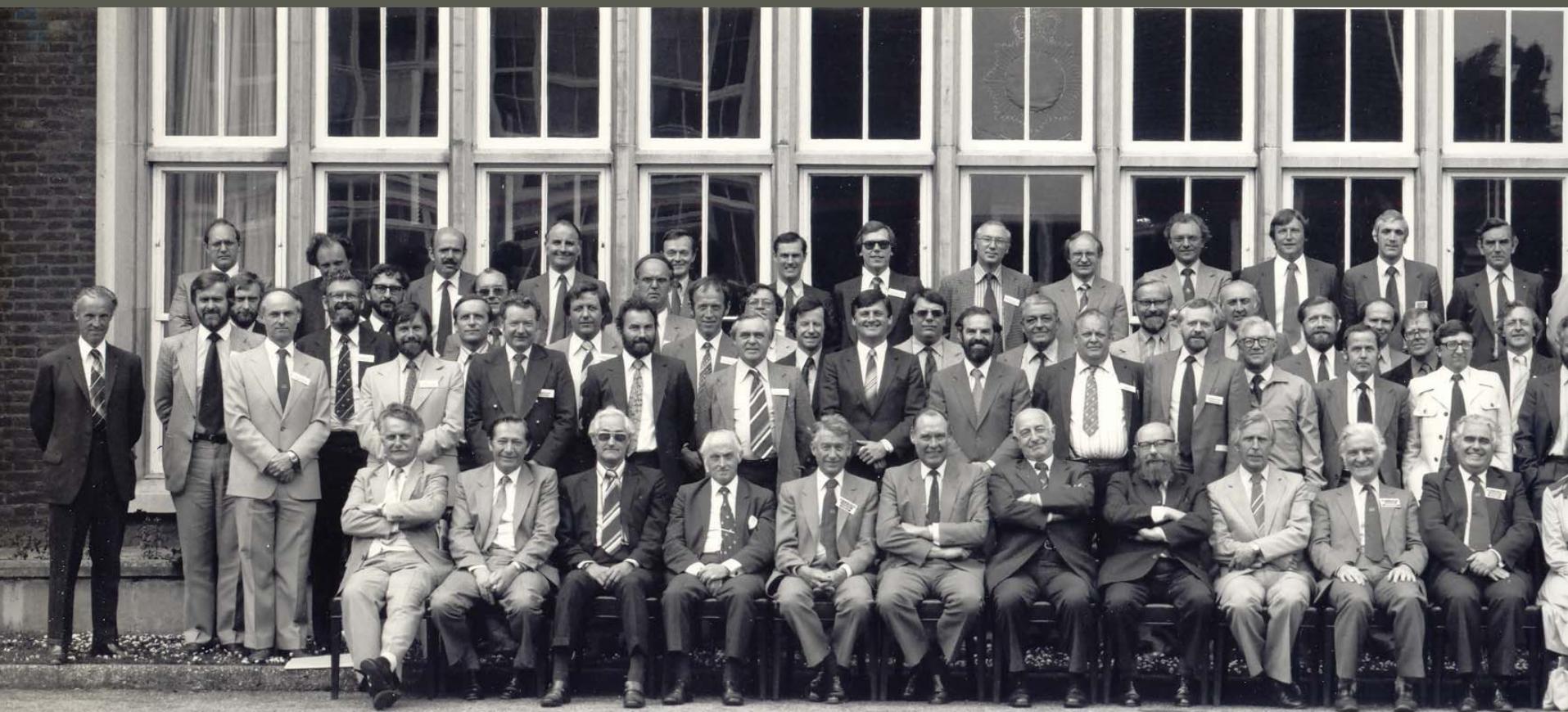
A LEADER Became Director of the HOCRE in 1966



June 1973



Became Controller of the Forensic Science Service 1976 Senior Staff Meeting, Police College, Bramshill, June 1981





He was

Generous

Supportive

Literate (and humorous)

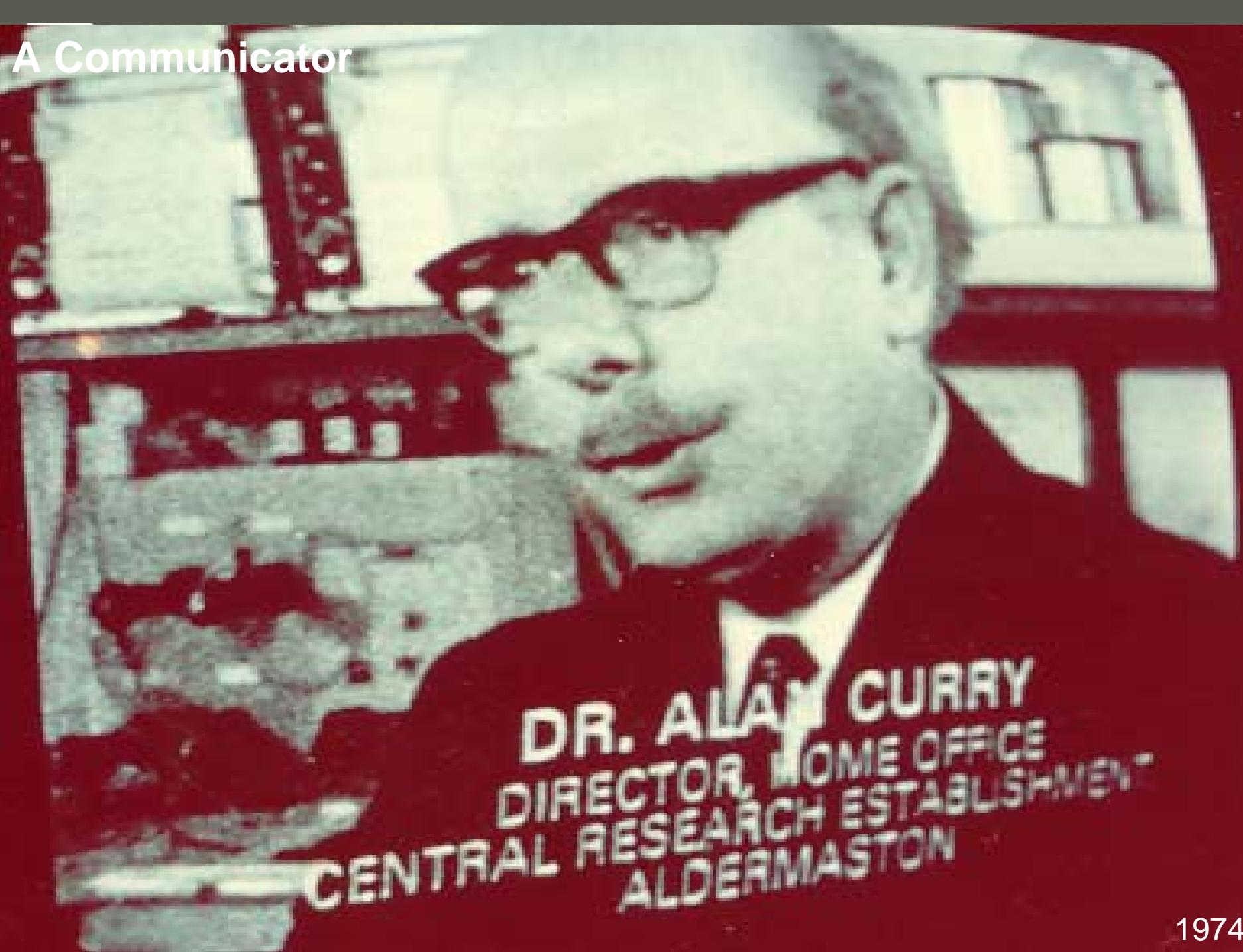
Honest, straightforward, of high integrity

A disciplinarian

A communicator: radio ham

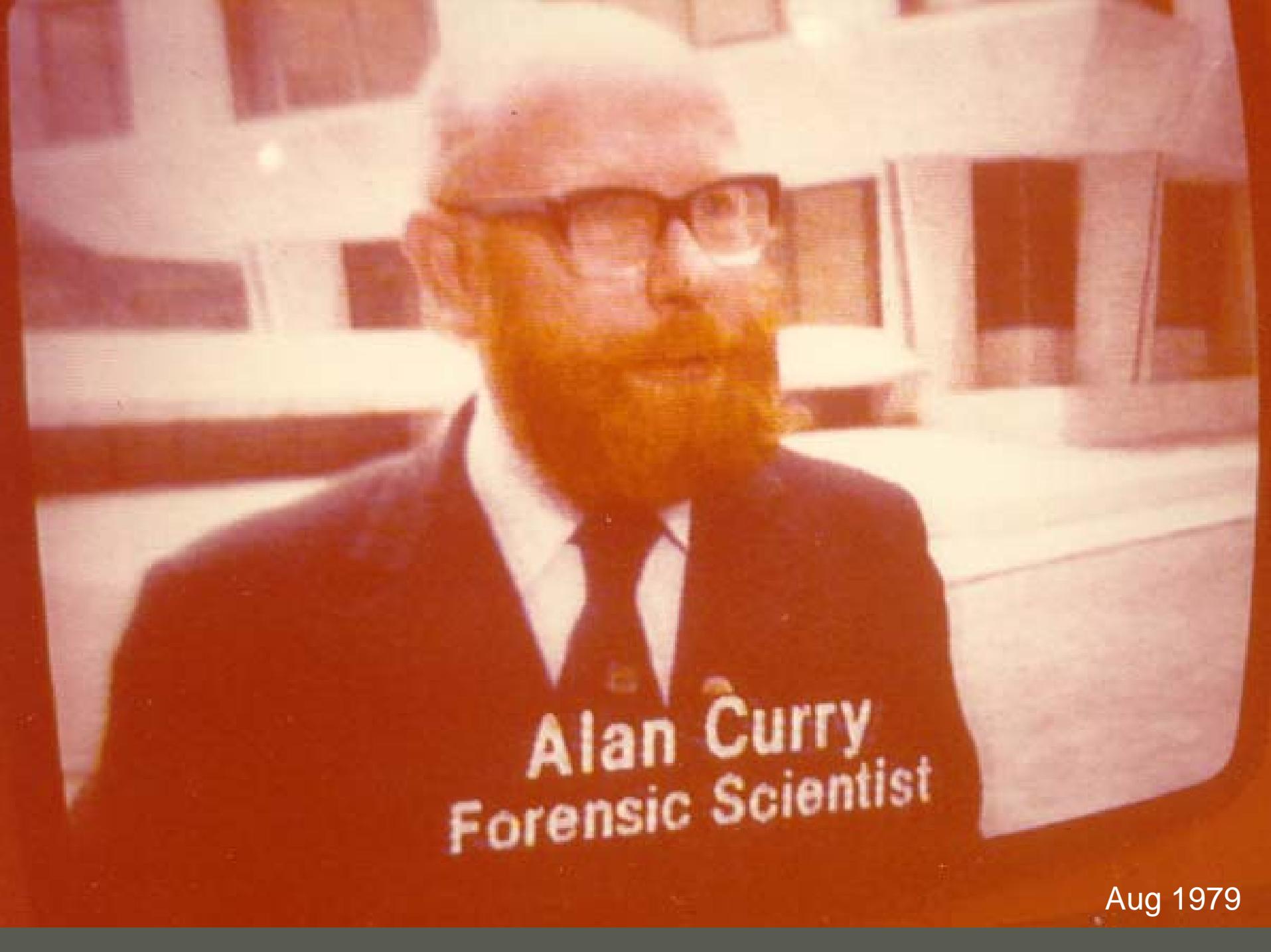
circulated tapes between toxicologists

A Communicator



DR. ALAN CURRY
DIRECTOR, HOME OFFICE
CENTRAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT
ALDERMASTON

1974



Alan Curry
Forensic Scientist

Aug 1979

CHEMISTRY IN BRITAIN

2 JAN 1970
SOCIETY, LONDON

Volume 5 Number 11 November 1969



..... and a
connoisseur of
good food and wine



Dr Robert Wennig – Past President TIAFT

Alan Curry was one of the most outstanding forensic toxicologists I have ever known. By his own and his co-workers scientific publications, the UK contributions to the development of toxicology were of paramount worldwide importance. The article "Chemistry and Crime" in Chemistry in Britain 1969 by AS Curry was at the origin of my personal decision to become a forensic toxicologist. A decision that I never regretted.



POISON DETECTION IN
HUMAN ORGANS

FOURTH EDITION

ALAN S. CURRY

To Tony

I hope you enjoy your
career as much as I did.

With respects

Alan

June / 88.



Presentation of the GTFCh Stas Award to Alan by the founding President of GTFCh James Baeumler, in Mosbach (Germany) 1982





Prof Hans Maurer

I am happy to have met Alan in Mosbach 1982 at the occasion of the GTFCh Stas Award presentation to him and at the 40th anniversary of TIAFT in London 2003. I have appreciated his fundamental scientific work and also his British sense of humour.



Prof Manfred Möller

The fact that Alan Curry got our reward as early as 1982 (four years after the foundation of our society) shows the significance and high appreciation Alan had, not only in the world "of most people" but also in the non-English speaking scientific community. I myself and some of my German colleagues and friends met Alan at several occasions and remember him as a man of sharp mind but also with a wonderful humour. He will remain in our minds not only for his excellent scientific work but also as a co-founder of TIAFT, which has developed now-a-days to a real scientific "Toxicology-family".



Dr Alan S Curry, receives the Douglas M. Lucas Medal from Dr Graham Jones as AAFS-Award at TIAFT Paris Meeting 2002





The Alan Curry Award

**The Alan Curry Award is the most prestigious award of
The International Association of Forensic
Toxicologists (TIAFT).**

**It is awarded to TIAFT members who have a long
history of distinguished contributions to the field of
forensic toxicology and to the TIAFT organization.**

UK recipients are:

- Neville Dunnett (1993)**
- Brian Widdop (2002)**



Alain Verstraete – President Elect of TIAFT

Dr. Alan Curry was one of the founders of TIAFT and he served as Secretary and President for many years. It is testimony to his accomplishments for forensic toxicology and for TIAFT that the highest award of TIAFT bears his name.



The Start of TIAFT 1963





Anya Pierce

Alan Curry was one of the founder members of TIAFT, the International Association of Forensic Toxicology. He served as its first secretary and two terms as president: his contribution helped to make it the success it is today. I would like to record my personal appreciation of a great and witty man I was privileged to meet on several occasions.



TIAFT 40th Anniversary, London, 2003





Marilyn Huestis - Past President TIAFT

Alan Curry was a giant in the toxicology field - larger than legend. It was such a pleasure to get to know him through TIAFT and find out that the man himself, beyond his professional accomplishments, was larger than life too! He had a zest for life, a curiosity about the world that made him a great success in the scientific and personal arenas. He is a mentor to me and all toxicologists and he is sorely missed.



Crippen Club

Originated by Alan Curry, George Clarke and John Jackson as a dining club for forensic toxicologists.

- The Club shall have no Constitution or Mission Statement.
- It shall be a dining club for Forensic Toxicologists who are outstanding in their professional achievements.
- At the dinner, a Member shall give a ten minute talk which shall be aimed at distillation rather than evaporation.
- A Toast will be drunk at each dinner to the memory of the late Professor E G C Clarke





Venise Curry

**He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last for ever: I was wrong.**

W H Auden, Stop all the clocks

He was a lot of fun



That nice man