

I am delighted to announce that the IAUC Board has awarded the 2009 IAUC Luke Howard Award to Professor Sue Grimmond, of King's College London.

The Luke Howard award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of urban climatology in a combination of research, teaching, and/or service to the international community of urban climatologists. It is the premier award of this community and is named after the first individual to correctly identify the urban climate effect in early nineteenth century London. The previous awardees include Tim Oke, Ernesto Jauregui, Arieh Bitan, Masatohi Yoshino and Robert Bornstein, each of whom advanced significantly the study of urban climates in the modern era.

Professor Grimmond is at the vanguard of urban climate research. She is well known to the urban climate community for her extensive research in the fields of micrometeorology and hydroclimatology. She has published over 85 papers in peer-reviewed journals and supervised and assiduously mentored graduate students and young academics. She has led or participated in a wide variety of successful national and international research projects that are at the cutting edge of urban climate research. Her work has led to significant progress in our understanding of urban atmospheres and has also been recognised for its importance to the wider atmospheric science community.

Throughout her career, Professor Grimmond has served on national and international committees and acted as a keen advocate for urban climate science. She was Chair of the AMS Board on the Urban Environment, has served as President of the IAUC (2003-2007) and is currently Chair of the World Meteorological Organization Expert Team on Urban and Building Climatology. She is past winner of the AMS Helmut E. Landsberg Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to climatology.

The entire urban climatology community joins me in congratulating Sue as the recipient of the 2009 Luke Howard Award and wishes her continued success in her endeavours.

Gerald Mills, IAUC President