

PROF. BASSANI AWARDED THE TRIBOLOGY GOLD MEDAL

The 2006 Tribology Gold Medal was presented to Professor Bassani of the University of Pisa by H.M. Ambassador at the British Embassy, Rome, on April 3rd, 2007.

By all accounts it was a very successful event, attended by about 80 people. It enabled the Embassy to make personal contacts with the University of Pisa, to be followed up by the Ambassador and the Science and Innovation Attaché.

The Tribology Gold Medal is the world's highest honour in tribology. It is awarded each year for some outstanding and supreme achievement in the field of Tribology and it has been awarded 35 times till today. In Britain the presentation is usually made by a member of the Royal Family, the last presentation being by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace. When the recipient is a national of another country it falls to the Ambassador in that country to make the award.

The Awards Committee, comprising nominees of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, the Royal Aeronautical Society and the UK Department of Trade and Industry decided unanimously that Prof. Bassani should be awarded the 2006 Gold Medal "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the science and technology of tribology".

The Tribology Gold Medal has been awarded for the first time to an Italian scientist.

