

Dr Francis Dunstan 1936 – 2017

Many members of the IRDG will remember Dr Francis Dunstan who died on June 16 2017 at the age of 80. After graduating from Birmingham University Francis studied with two pioneers of IR spectroscopy, Dr David Whiffen and Professor Norman Sheppard. He joined Perkin Elmer in 1966 as an IR applications chemist, eventually becoming a product specialist for IR spectroscopy. Although initially working in the UK Francis became part of an international marketing group and travelled extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa and central and southern America. Francis remained with Perkin Elmer until his retirement. He was a regular attendee at IRDG meetings, particularly the Christmas meeting, even after he retired. His fascination with instruments led him to acquire a remarkable collection of IR spectrometers at his home. Away from work his principal interests were playing the organ at a local Methodist church, and being Cornish. As a proud Cornishman Francis was active in the London and Thames Valley Cornish Associations.

Below are pictures of Francis at the 1983 IRDG meeting and receiving an award from the Grand Bard for services to Cornwall in 2008.

