

**Roland Paxton** wins the Civil Engineering History and Heritage Award for teaching work and publications that have helped the public gain a better understanding of the history of civil engineering and for his work as chairman of the Institution of Civil Engineers' Panel for Historic Engineering Works. The history and heritage award is presented to those persons who through writing, research, or other efforts have made outstanding contributions to a better understanding and appreciation of the role that civil engineering has played in history. Paxton has been a leading historian of civil engineering since 1975, when, by invitation, he joined the Institution of Civil Engineers' Panel for Historic Engineering Works. In 1990, on his retirement from Lothian Regional Council as a senior principal engineer, he joined the staff of Heriot-Watt University at what is now the School of the Built Environment, where as an honorary professor he specializes in engineering history and conservation. As chairman of the Panel for Historic Engineering Works, Paxton has led a group of experts who have traveled all over the United Kingdom to record and



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assess the significance of engineering works of the past. This group has also provided advice to government and funding agencies and has produced many publications. Paxton's publications include the books *100 Years of the Forth Bridge* and *Bright Lights—The Stevenson Engineers 1752–1971*. His key papers cover the work and influence of early engineers and bridge builders, and in 2001 he received a certificate of appreciation from ASCE for three of them. In 1999 he received the Institution of Civil Engineers' Garth Watson Medal, and in 2001 he was awarded that organization's Robert Alfred Carr Prize. He is an honorary doctor of engineering at Heriot-Watt University.