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## **Glittering prize tops 50-year career at ANSTO**

Professor John Boldeman's extraordinary 50-year association with the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) and its predecessors has been recognised with a prestigious ATSE Clunies Ross Lifetime Contribution Award.

At a glittering awards ceremony held in Melbourne, Professor Boldeman joined one of only eight science luminaries, including Sir Gustav Nossal, as a Lifetime Contribution Award Winner.

John is best known at ANSTO as the driving force behind the ANTARES Tandem Accelerator, the 100 ton instrument that was transported to Australia from Rutgers University in New Jersey during 1989.

After a great deal of work and dedication by ANSTO staff, ANTARES has rapidly gained an international reputation for its work analysing a vast array of objects such as vintage red wine, as well as radiocarbon dating objects such as Charlemagne's Crown and Aboriginal rock art.

Professor Boldeman was also the key figure in the development of the Australian Synchrotron. He prepared successful proposals to establish a synchrotron research program, and been the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Victorian Government on the national facility which opened in Clayton, Victoria during 2007.

Professor Boldeman said he was greatly honoured to win the award.

"I am also greatly indebted to a large number of brilliant scientists and engineers who have assisted me throughout the course of my career."

Formerly known as the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, ATSE is a not for profit organisation established to recognise and promote the outstanding achievement of Australian scientists, engineers and technologists.

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