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# ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON

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*"The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible."*

Albert Einstein



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The true spirits of delight, the exaltation, the sense of being more than expected are the touchstone of the highest excellence in my life. Royal Geographical society, London conferred me the eminent Fellowship of the Society. The backbone of the society is its Fellowship, which is made up of the most eminent Earth Scientist (Geographers) from the world; fellows are elected through a peer review process that culminates in a vote by existing Fellows on the basis of excellence in Earth Science and Geosciences.

The Royal Geographical Society is a learned society, founded in 1830 with the name Geographical Society of London for the advancement of geographical science, under the patronage of King William IV. It absorbed the 'Association for Promoting the Discovery of the Interior Parts of Africa' (founded by Sir Joseph Banks in 1788), the Raleigh Club and the Palestine Association. It was given a Royal charter by Queen Victoria in 1859.

### **History**

Founder members of the Society include Sir John Barrow, Sir John Franklin and Francis Beaufort. It has been a key associate and supporter of many famous explorers and expeditions, including those of:

- Charles Darwin
- David Livingstone
- Scott of the Antarctic
- Richard Francis Burton
- John Hanning Speke
- Henry Morton Stanley
- Ernest Shackleton

Today the Society is a leading world centre for geographical learning - supporting education, teaching, research and scientific expeditions, as well as promoting public understanding and enjoyment of geography. It is a member of the Science Council. The society has merged with the Institute of British Geographers and is properly known as the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers). The main offices of the Society are in Kensington, in London.

### **Selected List of Past Presidents**

- Viscount Goderich The Earl of Ripon (1830-1833)
- Sir Roderick Murchison (1851-1853)
- Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson (1871-1873 and 1874-1876)
- Sir Clements Robert Markham (1893-1905)
- Sir George Taubman Goldie (1905-1908)
- Major Leonard Darwin (1905-1911)
- Colonel Sir Thomas Hungerford Holdich (1919-1922)
- Sir James Wordie
- Lord Shackleton (1971-1974)
- Sir Crispin Tickell (1989-1993)
- Earl of Selborne (1997-2000)

### **Awards and Grants**

The society also presents many awards to geographers that have contributed to the advancement of geography.

The most prestigious of these awards are the Gold Medals (Founder's Medal 1830 and the Patron's Medal 1838). The award is given for “the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery” and is approved by Queen Elizabeth II. The

awards originated as an annual gift of fifty geniuses from King William IV, first made in 1831, "to constitute a premium for the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery". The Society decided in 1839 to change this monetary award into two gold medals: Founder's Medal and the Patron's. The award has been given to notable geographers including David Livingstone (1855), Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen (1878) and Alfred Russel Wallace (1892) to more recent winners including Professor William Morris Davis (1919), Sir Halford John Mackinder (1945), Professor Richard Chorley (1987) and Professor David Harvey (1995). In 2004, Harish Kapadia was awarded the Patron's Medal for contributions to geographical discovery and mountaineering in the Himalayas, making him the second Indian to receive the award in its history. In 2005 the Founder's Medal was awarded to Professor Sir Nicholas Shackleton for his research in the field of Quaternary Pale climatology and the Patron's Medal was awarded to Professor Jean Malaurie for a lifelong study of the Arctic and its people.

In total the society awards 17 medals and awards including Honorary Membership and Fellowships. Some of the other awards given by the Society include:

- The Victoria Medal (1902) for "conspicuous merit in research in Geography"
- The Murchison Award (1882) for the "publication judged to contribute most to geographical science in preceding recent years"
- The Cuthbert Peak Award (1883) for "those advancing geographical knowledge of human impact on the environment through the application of contemporary methods, including those of earth observation and mapping"
- The Edward Heath Award (1984) for "for geographical research in either Europe or the developing world"

I am a very proud "Fellow" of prestigious Royal Society of London and will attend meetings in the UK whenever it is possible. I have the privilege of being granted the use of the post nominal letters FRGS after my name. FRGS stands for Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

I have sought place in the list of Fellow of Royal Geographical Society, only one Indian, because it brings ecstasy - ecstasy so great that I would often have sacrificed all the rest of life for a few hours of this joy. I have sought it as a Indian, because it relieves loneliness- that terrible loneliness in which one shivering consciousness looks over the rim of the world into the cold unfathomable joy of life. I have sought it finally, because in the union of love and blessings I have seen a mastic miniature, the pre-figuring vision of the heaven that saints and poets have imagined. This is what I sought, and though it might seem too good for my life, this is what- at least-I have found.

I deeply express my gratitude to Jaypee Group, India for their generosity and noble touch.

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## **Etiquette for deciding order of fellowship or membership of learned societies, academies or professional institutions**

In the UK and Commonwealth countries, if the individual belongs to more than one, these should be listed in the order of the establishment of the organisation.

### **Examples**

Examples of post-nominal letters:

A Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire is authorised to use the post-nominal KBE.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts is authorised to use the post-nominal FRSA.

A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society is authorised to use the post-nominal FRGS.

An elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh is authorised to use the post-nominal FRSE.

A Member or Fellow of the Security Institute is authorised to use the post-nominal MSyI or FSyI respectively.

A Doctor of Philosophy is authorised to use the post-nominal PhD (or, in some cases, DPhil).

### ***Royal Geographical Society.***

"Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society" Fellows are as follows (This list was last modified on 16 February, 2015, at 01:26)

**A**

- James Edward Alexander
- George William Allan
- Robert Allison (academic)
- John Anderson (zoologist)
- W. Andrews
- Charles Ramsay Arbuthnot
- George Armitstead, 1st Baron Armitstead
- John Arthur
- Michael Asher (explorer)
- Thomas Witlam Atkinson
- John Auldjo

**B**

- B. S. Daya Sagar (Singapur)
- Serwan Baban
- Baden Baden-Powell
- Warington Baden-Powell
- Ranodip Singh Kunwar
- Frederick Marshman Bailey
- Jervoise Athelstane Baines
- Thomas Baines
- Bernard Granville Baker
- Samuel Baker
- David Armitage Bannerman
- Henry Barkly
- Sir John Barrow, 1st Baronet
- John George Bartholomew
- Michael Batty
- Francis Beaufort
- Somerset Beaumont
- Henry Corry Rowley Becher
- Charles Tilstone Beke
- John Ganzoni, 1st Baron Belstead
- William Noel Benson
- George Bishop (civil servant)
- Martha Black
- Henry Arthur Blake
- William Lane Booker
- Arthur Bostrom
- E. G. Bowen
- Frederick Bowhill
- James Henry Bowker
- John Bowring
- Mary Brodrick
- John Weston Brooke
- James Burgess (archaeologist)
- Richard Francis Burton
- Hans Busk (1815–1882)
- Robin Butlin

- Cindy Buxton
- Dan Byles

**C**

- Kevin Cahill (author)
- Charles Duncan Cameron
- David George Campbell
- Adrian Berry, 4th Viscount Camrose
- Frances Carpenter
- Christopher Catherwood
- John Campbell, 5th Earl Cawdor
- Julius Chambers
- Roger Chao
- Edward Chapman (British Army officer)
- Eyre Chatterton
- Francis Rawdon Chesney
- Richard Chorley
- Henry Christy
- Gerry Clark
- Cecil Clementi
- Percy Clive
- Alice Coleman
- J. Norman Collie
- Ken Collins
- Ronald Urwick Cooke
- Henry Cookson
- William Desborough Cooley
- Muthu Coomaraswamy
- Jal Cooper
- Fitzgerald Copland-Crawford
- John Cordeaux (ornithologist)
- Edgar William Cox
- Robert Wigram Crawford
- John Crawford
- Violet Cressy-Marcks
- Henry Croft
- Paul Curran (geographer)
- Charles Trick Currelly
- John Lang Currie

**D**

- Donald Dalrymple
- Godfrey Darbishire
- James W. Davidson
- Morley Davies
- John King Davis
- John Eugène, 8th Count de Salis-Soglio
- Vivienne de Watteville

- Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Debbarma
- Sebastian Dickinson
- Alexander Dickson (British Army officer)
- Bertram Dickson
- Edwin Dingle
- Frederick Dixon-Hartland
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- Klaus Dodds
- Christina Dodwell
- Rufane Shaw Donkin
- Wickliffe Draper
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- David Drewry
- Stephen Troyte Dunn
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- Trystan Edwards
- Emyr Estyn Evans
- Sir William Evans, 1st Baronet
- George Everest
- John Everett-Heath

## F

- William Andrew Salius Fane de Salis
- Florence Farmborough
- Henry Wemyss Feilden
- Robert J. Flaherty
- Archibald Fleming
- Paul Flowers (banker)
- Ben Fogle
- Charles Farrar Forster
- Steve Fossett
- Charles A. Foster
- Charles Fox (civil and railway engineer)
- Frank Baden-Powell
- John Franklin
- Varick Frissell
- William Henry Furness III

## G

- Francis Galton
- Eamonn Gearon
- Rob Gell
- Peter Gladstone
- Frederick DuCane Godman
- Henry Haversham Godwin-Austen

- John Goldingham
- Shane Gough, 5th Viscount Gough
- Robert Vaughan Gower
- James Augustus Grant
- Laura Greene
- Willoughby Burrell, 5th Baron Gwydyr
- Charles Gwynn

## H

- Thomas Egerton Hale
- Robert Halpin
- Henry Hamilton (priest)
- Kris L. Hardin
- Kenn Harper
- Moses Harvey
- David Haslam (Royal Navy officer)
- Ahmed Hassanein
- Geoffrey Hattersley-Smith
- Simon I. Hay
- Kari Herbert
- Alexander Heron
- Hesketh Hesketh-Prichard
- E. A. Hewett
- Christopher Hibbert
- Richard Hingston
- Arthur Robert Hinks
- Kingsley Holgate
- Gloria Hooper, Baroness Hooper
- Frederic William Howay
- John Howell (politician)
- William Hughes (geographer)
- David Hutchins
- Henry Neville Hutchinson

## I

- John Burns, 1st Baron Inverclyde
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## J

- Sir William Jackson, 1st Baronet
- Frank Linsly James
- Alexander William Jardine
- Francis Lascelles Jardine
- Richard Jenkins (MP)
- Lukin Johnston
- Emrys Jones (geographer)
- Owain Jones

## K

- Michael Katakis
- Vaibhav Kaul
- Dora Keen
- Robert Talbot Kelly
- John Scott Keltie



- Edmund Hegan Kennard
  - Terence Keys
- L**
- Gilbert Laithwaite
  - John Lancaster (MP)
  - Henry Lansdell
  - Patrick Maitland, 17th Earl of Lauderdale
  - Edwin Ferdinand Lee
  - Frederick Lehmann
  - Arthur Leveson
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  - Harry Lindsay
  - Hal Lister
  - St. George Littledale
  - David Livingstone
  - Louis-Philippe Loncke
  - Cecil Lowther
  - Joanna Lumley
  - Hubert Lynes
  - George William Spencer Lyttelton
- M**
- George McGavin
  - Kingsley Macomber
  - James Mangles (Royal Navy officer)
  - Gordon Manley
  - Peter Marshall (author)
  - James Marshall-Cornwall
  - Gavin Maxwell
  - Sir Herbert Maxwell, 7th Baronet
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  - James McDonald (writer)
  - Hannah McKeand
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  - William Monteith
  - John Edmund Sharrock Moore
  - John Moore (Royal Navy officer)
  - Thomas Bather Moore
  - Geoffrey Moorhouse
  - Edward Delmar Morgan
  - John Morris (geologist)
  - Hugh Murray (geographer)
- N**
- Ripudaman Singh
  - Sadiya
  - James Dyce Nicol

- O**
- Frank Oates
  - Joseph Sylvester O'Halloran
  - Redmond O'Hanlon
  - Henry Yule Oldham
  - Erasmus Ommanney
  - Henry E. O'Neill
  - Stan Openshaw
  - J. Edwin Orr
  - Sarah Outen
- P**
- Justin Packshaw
  - John Palliser
  - Tony Palmer
  - Francis Parry
  - Henry John Pearson
  - Alexander Peckover, 1st Baron Peckover
  - Michel Peissel
  - Vladimir Peniakoff
  - Norman Mosley Penzer
  - Peter Clutterbuck
  - Augustus Phillimore
  - Colin Pillinger
  - Bedford Clapperton Trevelyan Pim
  - P cont.
  - Percy Powell-Cotton
  - Grenfell Price
  - John MacNeile Price
  - John Wallace Pringle
  - Neil Thomas Proto
- R**
- John Rae (explorer)
  - Vivienne Rae-Ellis
  - Chandra Shamsher Jang Bahadur Rana
  - Hormuzd Rassam
  - Cecil Rawling
  - David William Rhind
  - Francis Rodd, 2nd Baron Rennell
  - Adrian Room
  - Anna Curtenius Roosevelt
  - Archie Rose
  - Stuart Rossiter
  - Claud Russell
  - Merton Russell-Cotes
  - Owen Rutter
  - Donald P. Ryan
- S**
- Lionel Sadleir-Jackson
  - Spenser St. John
  - Paul Salaman
  - Howard Saunders
  - Roz Savage
  - Philip Sclater

- William Lutley Sclater
- Henry Seebohm
- S. Selvanayagam
- David Shearlock
- Yuly Shokalsky
- David Shukman
- Neville Shulman
- James Sibree
- William Simpson (artist)
- Gordon Sinclair
- William Sinclair (Archdeacon of London)
- John Slim, 2nd Viscount Slim
- Duncan J. D. Smith
- Henry Augustus Smyth
- Herbert Warington Smyth
- Theo Sørensen
- T. Somasekaram
- Arthur Sovereign
- Dudley Stamp
- Rebecca Stephens (climber)
- Peter Stollery
- Richard Strachey
- Whitney Straight
- Paweł Strzelecki
- Robert Stuart (British Army officer)
- Proctor Swaby
- Robert Swan
- Ian Swingland
- Robert Swinhoe

## T

- Thomas Griffith Taylor
- Henry Jones Thaddeus
- Visakhram Thirunal
- Ronald Ferguson Thomson
- William Thomson (bishop)
- Claud B. Ticehurst
- Clarence Tilenius
- Alexandra Tolstoy
- Roger Took
- Barbara Toy
- Edward Robert Tregear
- Aubyn Trevor-Battye
- Francis Fox Tuckett
- Ethel Brilliana Tweedie
- William Twiss (Indian Army officer)
- Sarah Tyacke

## U

- John Ure (diplomat)

## V

- Francis Vane
- Sir Edmund Verney, 3rd Baronet
- Sir Harry Verney, 2nd Baronet

- Arthur Vivian
- Hussey Vivian, 3rd Baron Vivian

## W

- Charles Wakefield, 1st Viscount Wakefield
- Robert Sandilands Frowd Walker
- Alfred Russel Wallace
- Peter Warburton
- Cathcart Wason
- Gino Watkins
- Edward Weller (cartographer)
- William Wharton (Royal Navy officer)
- James Talboys Wheeler
- David Whitehouse
- Caspar Whitney
- Frank Wild
- David Verney, 21st Baron Willoughby de Broke
- Alan Wilson (academic)
- Henry Wilson-Fox
- Ronald Winckworth
- H. V. F. Winstone
- Michael John Wise
- Nicholas Witchell
- Charles W. J. Withers
- Evelyn Wood (British Army officer)
- Harry Page Woodward
- Sidney William Wooldridge

## Y

- Peter Young (historian)

## Z

- Ahmad Zaki Pasha
- Samuel Marinus Zwemer