

2011 MSA DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL TO JOLYON RALPH

2011 PINCH MEDAL TO ALF OLAV LARSEN



Jolyon Paul Ralph, Coulsdon, Surrey, United Kingdom, received the 2011 Distinguished Public Service Medal at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, February 12, 2011. Jolyon Ralph is recognized for founding and developing the free, web-based database known as Mindat (www.mindat.org). Mindat is a comprehensive and up-to-date database listing all known mineral species, along with physical and chemical data, references, and photographs. Mindat

features links to mineral-related commercial and noncommercial sites, a real-time chat room, and discussion boards. The global popularity of Mindat is highlighted by the presence of 8 forums in other languages. The authority of Mindat rests on the fact that it encourages the substantiation of all data by references. Mindat is now managing the IMA list of minerals and will become its official website for that purpose.

Jolyon has used his skills and enthusiasm and has harnessed those of experienced volunteers working as contributors and managers to create a website that is freely accessible, up-to-date, and authoritative. Jolyon has devised a wonderful way to contribute to the vitality of the mineralogical sciences.



Alf Olav Larsen, of Stathelle, Norway, has been awarded the 2011 Pinch Medal by the Mineralogical Association of Canada for his immense and sustained contributions to mineralogy over several decades. Awarded biannually since 2001, the Pinch Medal recognizes major and sustained contributions to the advancement of mineralogy by members of the collector-dealer community.

An electronic engineer by profession, Alf Olav Larsen is a self-taught mineralogist who has been involved in the description of six new mineral species (gadolinite-Ce, chiavennite, tvedalite, grenmarite, heulandite-Ba, and eirikite) and has cooperated with many professional mineralogists and amateurs from several countries. His main interest is the mineralogy of alkaline provinces, with a focus on the Langesundsfjord nepheline syenite pegmatites (the Larvik Plutonic Complex). He is an author or coauthor of over 75 publications in the scientific and popular literature on a great variety of topics related to mineralogy, and he has recently published the book *The Langesundsfjord – History, Geology, Pegmatites, Minerals*. The mineral allarsenite is named after him. He maintains a website on the Langesundsfjord area.

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For a career of research, insights, and inspiration into the workings of subduction zones



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For his work on metamorphic petrology and geochronology in ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic rocks



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