

# John Harber Phillips Award

Congratulations to Dr John Buckleton Principal Scientist, ESR Forensic, New Zealand who was awarded the 2012 John Harber Phillips Award. It was presented to John by New Zealand Police Commissioner Peter Marshall at an afternoon tea at National HQ in Wellington on Friday 8 March 2013.

John has more than twenty-five years' experience in forensic casework and research in New Zealand and Australia. John was one of the first forensic scientists who strove to apply logical rigour to the field of evidence interpretation and he is considered a world leader in the interpretation and statistical analysis of forensic evidence.

More recently, John has been widely sought after as an expert in his field. He is often consulted by overseas laboratories, especially Australasian forensic laboratories where he has assisted in developing interpretation policies for DNA analysis, offered advice on complex cases and provided expert witness testimony.

John is author and co-author of over 100 articles and seminal texts on DNA interpretation, Bayesian statistics and other forensic science subjects. He referees articles and sits on editorial boards for a number of highly regarded forensic science journals. He is also a member of national and international committees. John's commitment to forensic research and education has been evidenced by his involvement in the University of Auckland postgraduate forensic science programme, lecturing the statistics students for a number of years.

John has supervised many of the University of Auckland's forensic programmes MSc students and visited many New Zealand secondary schools to talk to young Maori and Pacific Island students about his work and to promote science learning.

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