THE DEREK PRATT PRIZE

Derek Pratt (1938–2009) was one of the leading horologists of his time whose interests encompassed all aspects of time measurement as well as many other fields associated with mechanical and micro-engineering. The Derek Pratt Prize is an award of £20,000 to honour those individuals or organisations whose work bear the same hallmarks of innovation, ingenuity, elegance, the highest standards of workmanship and precision performance in the craft and science of time and timekeeping. It is also intended to encourage others to persevere along this same path. The Prize is open to individuals or organisations of any nation whose work, in the opinion of the judging committee, proves worthy of the award. The Prize is awarded no more often than every three years.

Prizewinners

2014 The first recipient of the Derek Pratt Prize was Martin Burgess (Edward Martin Burgess FSA FBHI), ‘for his pioneering work over 50 years in sculptural horology, and principally for his historical studies and practical development of the ideas and experimental works of John Harrison concerning precision pendulum clocks’.

2018 The second award was to Charles Frodsham & Co Ltd for the development and launch of their new wrist-watch incorporating a double impulse chronometer escapement.