

News Release

Chairman of the Society Honoured with Top Award

Congratulations to our Chairman, Professor Graham Smith, on being awarded a Fellowship of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP). Graham was presented with the award at a special ceremony held during the Chartered Society Conference in Birmingham at the weekend.

The Fellowship is the highest award to be bestowed on a physiotherapist by the CSP for outstanding service and excellence in physiotherapy.

Joined by his wife Alison and hundreds of fellow physiotherapists, Graham was presented with the award by Baroness Finlay, President of the CSP.

The citation which was read out to the audience by Eileen Thornton, Chair of the Professional Awards Committee for the Chartered Society was as follows;

'A Fellowship of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy is conferred on Graham Smith for his work both nationally and internationally in the areas of sports therapy; his work to develop the CSP Congress; his role in post registration education abroad in Africa in particular and his contribution to the CSP as a whole.

Graham is well known for his in depth knowledge in the field of sports medicine. He lectures both in the UK and abroad; has been involved with a number of national sports bodies and was physiotherapist to the British Athletics squad, the British Gymnastic Team and the British Curling and Olympic squad. He was conferred a visiting professorship to the University of Hertfordshire in 2001. He has published widely in the UK and abroad including chapters in number of text books.

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As Chairman of the Congress Management Executive, he has been pivotal in turning the CSP's Annual Congress into the most important event in the CSP calendar.

Graham shares his skills through all levels of the profession both nationally and internationally and has made a significant contribution to physiotherapy in Zimbabwe and was a member of the South African Society of Physiotherapy from 1992 - 1997.

Graham has been involved with the CSP for over 15 years and has been heavily involved in a number of key committees over that time as well as Council.

Council has pleasure in conferring a Fellowship of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy on Graham Smith.'

After the ceremony a delighted Professor Smith commented:

'This is a tremendous honour and I feel proud and privileged to have received it. It is only now that the event is over that it has all really sunk in - I am absolutely chuffed about it.'

The Society is delighted that the Chairman has been recognised for his work in Sports Therapy. He continues to be an outstanding ambassador both for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and for The Society of Sports Therapists.

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Keith Waldon, Vice Chairman of The Society of Sports Therapists added his words of congratulations. He said:

'This accolade from the CSP is thoroughly deserved and marks another milestone in the career of our Chairman. He has a passion for sport and is determined to enhance medical care for sportsmen & women at all levels. Knowing him as I do, he is already pushing the boundaries still further in the field of Sports Therapy. The Society are proud of Graham's achievements.'



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