

A Special Memory of Professor Edward Steers

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I was lucky enough to work with Edward since the mid-1990's. I say that I worked with him, I simply stood back in awe and watched his enthusiastic approach to Glow Discharge, and I tried to help him in any way that I could. He was involved in so many projects, both scientific developments and fund raising for supporting young researchers. Anyone who can fill his car with bits of scientific instrumentation and drive around Europe to do experiments with others has to be special; anyone who can do that when he is in his 70's and 80's is truly VERY special.



One particular memory I have of working with Edward is from 2015. I had the honour to be invited to the SciX2015 conference in Providence, Rhode Island, and was asked to chair a session dedicated to Edward, "A Lifetime of Spectroscopy: Celebrating the Work of Edward Steers". Talks were given by several people with special memories of Edward; John Cattle, Gary Heiftje, Volker Hoffmann and Petr Smid.

Edward then gave a talk himself, entitled "One Thing Leads to Another – Sixty Years of Spectroscopic Research". I know that as chair it was my responsibility to keep the talkers to time, but it was only a coffee break and everyone was enjoying listening to him so much that I let it go over by quite a few minutes.



A great man, a true inspiration, and he is sadly missed