



The medal is named in honour of Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman, FRS, one of the UK's foremost mathematicians who spent much of his career at the University of Warwick sharing his love of mathematics with the public. In 1978, Sir Christopher was the first ever mathematician to be asked to deliver the Royal Institution's Christmas lectures in its 125 year history.

Professor Barrow said, 'As someone who was inspired by Christopher Zeeman's compelling presentations of mathematical ideas as a school student, it is a great honour to receive this award that bears his name'.

As well as promoting mathematics through his work with MMP, Professor Barrow is also the author of many books on mathematics and cosmology. His recent publication – One hundred essential things you didn't know you didn't know – shows how mathematics explains our world, in a way that is accessible to anyone with only a basic mathematical knowledge. His most recent work, The Book of Universes, shows how mathematics has enabled us to understand so much of the Universe we see around us.

A tireless champion of mathematical awareness for several decades, Professor Barrow has won both the Royal Society's Faraday Prize and the Kelvin Medal of the Institute of Physics. He has also engaged with the arts and in 2002 his play Infinities premiered in Milan, directed by Luca Ronconi.

