

David Crighton Medal - long citation

The David Crighton Medal for 2003 for services to Mathematics and to the mathematics community is awarded to Professor John Ball, F.R.S., Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Oxford.

John Ball is an outstanding mathematician of international standing. At the same time he has exerted himself both nationally and internationally for the good of Mathematics and its community. In particular, his activity internationally has done much to raise the profile of UK Mathematics, especially of Applied Mathematics. He has an exceptional record of getting things done and making things happen - in this he demonstrates the qualities of David Crighton himself.

Nationally, he was very effective in pressing for and establishing an Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Scotland, and was one of the founders of the the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences, which was set up in Edinburgh more than 10 years ago.

no true infimum, but the minimiser-infimum can be approached indefinitely closely by a sequential development of finer and finer structure.