

# ALAIN HUBERT RECEIVES 2015 GEOGRAPHICAL AWARD IN LONDON



International Polar Foundation President Alain Hubert received the 2015 Geographical Award at the UK Royal Geographical Society.

Monday 1st June was a memorable day for Alain Hubert, as he was presented with the 2015 Geographical Award at a ceremony at the [UK Royal Geographical Society](#) (with Institute of British Geographers) headquarters in London, England.

The Geographical Award is a highly prestigious prize given each year to:

- 1) A company or individual that has provided outstanding, non-commercial support for individuals or groups learning about scientific through scientific expeditions, or
- 2) Expeditions that have had a significant impact on inspiring and improving school children's and the general public's understanding of geographical issues.

In presenting the award, Royal Geographical Society President, Professor Dame Judith Rees, highlighted Alain's extensive polar achievements including his crossing of the Arctic and Antarctica, the creation of the first "zero emission" research station in Antarctica, and the work carried out by the International Polar Foundation to raise awareness about the polar environment and climate change.

In all, 18 people received different [medals and awards](#) were received by for outstanding contributions to geographical research, fieldwork, writing, photography, teaching and outreach activities. Royal medals were awarded to Professor Batty from University College London for the development and promotion of the geographical models of cities, and Paul Theroux for the encouragement of geographical discovery through travel writing.

Alain attended the award ceremony with British polar explorer [Sir Ranulph Fiennes](#), IPF Vice-President for International Affairs, Nighat Amin and IPF UK Executive Secretary Liz Pasteur.