

# The Nightingale Prize

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A close collaborator of Ronald Woolmer in the formation of the Biological Engineering Society was **Alfred Nightingale**, a physicist at St Thomas' Hospital.

After qualifying at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1943, Nightingale was seconded to the Admiralty as a member of a research team working on electronic underwater sound detectors. In 1947 he joined the Physics Department at Guy's, later moving to St Thomas'.

Alfred Nightingale died suddenly on 27th February 1963, at the age of only 40. Thus in the space of a few weeks, the Society had lost its President and its first Honorary Secretary. At the time, Nightingale was editor of the International Federation's Journal, now published as "Medical and Biological Engineering and Computing". In his memory the Society initiated a prize, awarded for the best paper in the Federation's Journal.



The Biological Engineering Society and the Institute of Physical Sciences in Medicine merged to become the Institute of Physics & Engineering in Medicine.



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The prize is made in association with IFMBE.

The prize shall normally be made annually for the best scientific paper published in each volume of the Journal and awarded jointly to all authors.

Those papers eligible for consideration for a prize will be determined based on scores received from the referees.

Those manuscripts eligible for a prize will be sent to all members of the Editorial Board who will rank order in terms of quality of scientific content and interest.

The assessment process will begin once the make up of the final issue of the volume is known.