

# Harry Elliot: His cosmic odyssey and legacy

A half-day symposium in memory of Harry Elliot CBE FRS, one of Britain's space pioneers, who passed away in July this year

**11th November 2009**  
**14:30 – 17:30**

Lecture Theatre 1,  
Blackett Laboratory,  
followed by a drinks reception in  
the Physics Common Room on  
Level 8

The symposium will include talks by UK and international colleagues, incorporating reminiscences while tracking Harry's path from his earliest work to the legacy that he left to not only the department at Imperial, but to the widest possible European space community.

*Confirmed speakers include:*

**Professor David Southwood**, ESA Headquarters

**Professor Roger Bonnet**, International Space Science Institute, Bern

**Professor Alan Watson**, University of Leeds

**Professor John Quenby**, Imperial College London

**Professor Andre Balogh**, Imperial College London

**Dr. Richard Marsden**, ESA ESTEC

**Dr. Harry Atkinson**, formerly SRC/SERC, UK and former chair of ESA

**Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale**, Durham University

The symposium is open to all, but an RSVP to [space.sec@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:space.sec@imperial.ac.uk) would be appreciated.

## Harry Elliot CBE FRS 1920-2009

Harry Elliot began working in Manchester with Patrick Blackett on cosmic rays. He studied their nature and origin, and moved with Blackett to Imperial in 1953. There he established one of the UK's leading centres for cosmic ray research. Harry became one of the founders of Britain's and Europe's participation in the scientific exploration of space. His legacy includes the many space missions in which he played a critical role, commencing with ESRO in 1968. Under his leadership, the group at Imperial diversified into the broad range of scientific topics now covered by them and by his former students presently working in science across the world.

