## Professor Ingemar J. Cox

## 2019 Tony Kent Strix Memorial Award Winner



Late last year, the UK electronic information Group, in partnership with the International Society for Knowledge Organisation UK (ISKO UK), the Royal Society of Chemistry Chemical Information and Computer Applications Group (RSC CICAG) and the British Computer Society Information Retrieval Specialist Group (BCS IRSG), was delighted to announce that the winner of the prestigious Tony Kent Strix Memorial Award for 2019, in recognition of his major and sustained contributions to the field of information retrieval, was Professor Ingemar J.

Cox, Department of Computer Science at University College London.

Professor Cox is Head of UCL's Media Futures Research Group and a Professor at the Department of Computer Science at the University of Copenhagen. His current research interests include information retrieval and data analytics of online social media, twitter and query logs.

Alan F. Smeaton, Professor of Computing at the Insight Centre for Data Analytics, Dublin City University and former Strix award winner (2011) commented: 'Ingemar Cox has made a huge contribution to the broad area of information retrieval and specifically to visual IR, over a sustained period of time. His citation record, his publication record, his outputs over more than two decades of research, and the fact that he is still one of our most active researchers in terms of publication, makes him an extremely worthy candidate for the award. Also worth noting is the variety of his work. He is not known for producing novel research in just one area but across a spectrum of topics from watermarking to IR algorithms and processes, from image search to digital health.'

The Award was presented by Doug Veal (Strix Chair, right) and David Ball (UKeiG Chair, left) on the afternoon of Friday November 29th, 2019 at the Geological Society, Piccadilly, London.



A date for your diary: Professor Cox will present the next Strix Memorial Lecture on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at the Royal Society of Chemistry. Martin White will open the event with an introductory presentation. Look out for the announcement in UKeiG's e-newsletter and on JiscMail discussion lists.

At the 2019 event, 2018 Strix award winner, Professor Pia Borlund, Department of Archivistics, Library and Information Science at Oslo Metropolitan University, delivered the fifth Strix memorial lecture. Within the information retrieval community Borlund is known for her innovative contributions to IR user studies, evaluations and test design.



A recording of Professor Borlund's presentation can be accessed here.

Dr Andrew Macfarlane, Centre for Human-Computer Interaction Design, City, University of London, opened the event with a presentation 'Sender vs Recipient Orientated Information Systems Revisited.'

A recording of his presentation can be accessed here.

The Tony Kent Strix Award was inaugurated in 1998 by the Institute of Information Scientists but is now administered by the UK electronic information Group. For more information about UKeiG and the Tony Kent Strix Award visit here.

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Previous Strix winners are listed here.

A call for nominations for next year's Tony Kent Strix Award will be issued in late April 2020.

