



Press Release

Richard Byrom wins Outstanding Scholarship Award for his book on William Fairbairn

At its annual conference at the University of Nottingham in September, the Association for Industrial Archaeology gave its prestigious Peter Neaverson award for Outstanding Scholarship to Richard Byrom, for his book *William Fairbairn – The experimental engineer*.

The result is the first book devoted to Fairbairn, one of the giants of 19th-century engineering, since 1877, but it is far more than a simple biography; it provides a detailed analysis of Fairbairn's methods and contributions to structural engineering. It also contains a comprehensive list of the projects to which he contributed. The judges described this book as 'a superb achievement which is certain to remain the definitive work on this subject for generations.'

The book is published by the Railway and Canal Historical Society www.rchs.org.uk

The Association for Industrial Archaeology makes this award annually to commemorate the work of the late Peter Neaverson, researcher, author and co-editor of the Association's journal, *Industrial Archaeology News*. More information about all the AIA's awards can be found at www.industrial-archaeology.org.uk.

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