

Dr. Terry Quinn, emeritus Director of the BIPM, Director of BIPM from 1988 to 2003.

History of Atomic Time and the new SI

Among a range of achievements, Dr. Terry Quinn played a lead role in the establishment in 1999 of the global Mutual Recognition Arrangement in measurement which enables international recognition of national measurement capabilities in support of innovation and trade.

"Dr Quinn is a world authority in metrology, the science of measurement. He has made outstanding contributions to radiometry, thermometry, the measurement of mass, and the measurement of the gravitational constant and other fundamental constants. As director of the BIPM he has greatly increased international recognition of the importance of the role of accurate measurement in today's world." (award citation for his fellowship of the Royal Society).