

de Boer Gold Pin Award:

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This CIE award recognizes exceptional contributions to build the international reputation of the CIE over an extended period.

Prof. J.B. (Nito) de Boer († 2000) had been active for a very long period in CIE from as early as 1939. His work for CIE included roles as road lighting and signalisation expert, as chairman of many different working groups and technical committees, as chairman of the Action Committee, as Vice President and as President for the period 1979-1983. Under his guidance and presidency a new CIE structure with Divisions and Technical Committees was developed and this structure is still in use today. He completed his 48 active years in CIE as immediate Past President in 1987. Prof. de Boer started his lighting career with the lighting laboratory of the Dutch Institution "KEMA" and joined the Philips Lighting Company. He later became the overall manager of the joint Philips Lighting application laboratories in Eindhoven (the Netherlands), Aachen (Germany) and Gmunden (Austria). While he was initially involved in road and airfield lighting research, he soon widened his research fields to include all aspects of both interior and exterior lighting. Since 1976 he was Professor at the University of Technology of Eindhoven and taught illuminating engineering to students of the faculties of physics and electrotechnics.