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About

Professor Knott has been awarded the following honours and distinctions:

- Fellow, The Institute of Materials
- Fellow, The Welding Institute
- Fellow, The Royal Society of Arts
- Delivered the joint Royal Society/ Royal Academy of Engineering Lecture "Two Steps from Disaster – the Science and Engineering of Structural Integrity" 1999
- "The John F. Knott Symposium" TMS Fall Meeting 2002
- Elected as Foreign Associate, the (US) National Academy of Engineering 2003
- DEng (honoris causa) – The University of Glasgow 2004
- OBE "for services to Nuclear Safety" June 2004 (conferred Oct 2004)
- Robert Franklin Mehl Award and Institute of Metals Lecture "Power in Trust", TMS (Spring Meeting 2005)
- Elected as Foreign Member of the Japan Institute of Metals 2005
- Awarded the Leverhulme Medal of the Royal Society 2005
- Elected as Foreign Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering 2006
- Delivered the 2006 Hatfield Lecture "Quantifying the Quality of Steel"
- Awarded the 2007 Brooker Medal, The Welding Institute (2008)
- Awarded the Platinum Medal of IOM³ in 2009
- D.Eng (*honoris causa*) University of Sheffield 2010

Qualifications

- ScD, Cambridge, 1991
- PhD, Cambridge, 1963
- BMet, Sheffield, 1959

Biography

Selected highlights:

- Past President, Birmingham Metallurgical Association
- 2010: Chairman, Technical Advisory Group on Structural Integrity (member since 1988)
- From 2006: member of Defence Nuclear Safety Committee
- 2003/4 Acting Chair, Nuclear Safety Advisory Committee
- From 2003: member of Graphite Technical Advisory Committee
- From 2003: member of (MoD) Research Programmes Group
- From 2003: Editor, *Materials Science and Technology*
- From 2000: Chairman Rolls-Royce Materials, Manufacturing and Structures Advisory Board (member since 1989)
- President, International Congress on Fracture, 1993-97
- From 1988: member of TWI Research Board

Research

- Relationships between the microstructures and mechanical properties of a wide range of engineering alloys and other structural materials
- Fracture, fatigue and embrittlement in metals

- High temperature properties of materials
- Environmentally-assisted fracture
- Behaviour of weldments and composites
- Effects of residual stress on fracture and fatigue processes

Publications

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Aratani, M. and Knott J.F. "The growth of short fatigue cracks ahead of a notch in high strength steel" Eng. Fail. Anal. Vol. 17, pp 200-207, 2010.

Knott, J.F. "Fracture Resistance in Aluminium" in "Fundamentals of Aluminium Metallurgy – Production, Processing and Applications", ed. Roger Lumley, Woodhead Publishing 2011 pp 538-57

