

● Gold Medal Winners

The Gold Medals (Founder's and Patron's Medals) originated as an annual gift of fifty guineas from King William IV. It was awarded for the first time in 1831, for the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery. In 1839 the Society decided that this sum should be converted into two gold medals of equal value, to be designated the Founder's Medal and the Patron's medal. Today both medals are approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

Gold Medal winners are listed in full below:

1832

Founder's Medal - Richard Lander

For important services in determining the course and termination of the Niger

1833

Founder's Medal - John Biscoe

For his discovery of Graham's Land and Enderby's Land in the Antarctic

1834

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir John Ross

For his discovery of Boothia Felix and King William Land and for his famous sojourn of four winters in the Arctic

1835

Founder's Medal - Sir Alexander Burnes

For his remarkable and important journeys through Persia

1836

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir George Back

For his recent discoveries in the Arctic, and his memorable journey down the Great Fish River

1837

Founder's Medal - Captain Robert Fitzroy

For his survey of the coasts of South America, from the Rio de la Plata to Guayaquil in Peru

1838

Founder's Medal - Colonel Francis Rawdon Chesney

For valuable materials in comparative and physical geography in Syria, Mesopotamia and the delta of Susiana

1839

Founder's Medal - Thomas Simpson

For tracing the hitherto unexplored coast of North America

Patron's Medal - Dr. Edward Rüppell

For his travels and researches in Nubia, Arabia and Abyssinia

1840

Founder's Medal - Major Henry Rawlinson

For researches in Persian Guayana

**1848**

Founder's Medal - Sir James Brooke

For his expedition to Borneo, and the zeal he has shown in promoting geographical discovery

Patron's Medal - Captain Charles Wilkes, USN

For the talent and perseverance he displayed in a voyage in the Antarctic regions ... and for splendid scientific work

1849

Founder's Medal - Austen Henry Layard

For important contributions to Asiatic Geography, interesting researches in Mesopotamia, and for his discovery of the remains of Nineveh

Patron's Medal - Baron Charles von Hugel

For his enterprising exploration of Cashmere

1850

Patron's Medal - John Charles Frémont of the U.S. Topographical Engineers

For his important geographical labours in the far West of the American Continent

Chronometer Watch presented to - Rev. David Livingston, the enterprising missionary

For his journey to the great lake of Ngami

1851

Founder's Medal - Dr. George Wallin

For his interesting and important travels in Arabia

Patron's Medal - Thomas Brunner

For meritorious labours in exploring the Middle Island of New Zealand

1852

Founder's Medal - Dr. John Rae

For his survey of Boothia undermost severe privations ... and for his very important contributions to the Geography of the Arctic

Patron's Medal - Captain Henry Strachey

For extensive explorations and surveys in Western Tibet

1853

Founder's Medal - Francis Gallton

For fitting out and conducting in Expedition to explore the centre of Southern Africa

Patron's Medal - Commander E. A. Inglefield

For his enterprising Survey of the coasts of Baffin Bay, Smith Sound and Lancaster Sound

1854

Founder's Medal - Admiral William Smyth

For his valuable Maritime Surveys in the Mediterranean

Patron's Medal - Captain Robert McClure

For his remarkable exertions ... in navigating his ship through the ice of the Polar Seas, and for his discovery of the North West Passage



1855

Founder's Medal - Rev. David Livingstone
For his recent explorations in Africa

Patron's Medal - Charles Andersson
For travels in South Western Africa

1856

Founder's Medal - Elislia Kent Kane
For services and discoveries in the Polar Regions during the American Expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin

Patron's Medal - Heinrich Barth
For his extensive explorations in Central Africa, his excursions about Lake Chad and his perilous journey to Timbuctu

1857

Founder's Medal - Augustus C. Gregory
For extensive and important explorations in Western and Northern Australia

Patron's Medal - Colonel Andrew Scott Waugh
For geodetical operations, as remarkable for their extent as for their accuracy, whereby [India] has been covered by triangulation

1858

Founder's Medal - Captain Richard Collison
For discoveries in the Arctic Regions

Patron's Medal - Professor Alexander Bache
For extensive and accurate surveys of America

1859

Founder's Medal - Captain Richard F. Burton
For his various exploratory enterprises, and especially for his perilous expedition with Captain. J. H. Speke to the great lakes in Eastern Africa

Patron's Medal - Captain John Palliser for the valuable results of his explorations in the Rocky mountains of North America

1860

Founder's Medal - Lady Franklin
For self-sacrificing perseverance in sending out expeditions to ascertain the fate of her husband

Patron's Medal - Captain Sir F. L. McClintock
For the skill and fortitude displayed by him and his companion in their search for records of the lost [Franklin] expedition and for valuable coast surveys

1861

Founder's Medal - Captain John Hanning Speke
For his eminent geographical discoveries in Africa, and especially his discovery of the great lake Victoria Nyanza

Patron's Medal - John McDouall Stuart
For very remarkable explorations in the interior of Australia

1862

Founder's Medal - Richard O'Hara Burke



In remembrance of that gallant explorer who with his companion Wills, perished after having traversed the continent of Australia

Patron's Medal - Captain Thomas Blakiston
For his survey of the Yang-tsze-Kiang

1863

Founder's Medal - Frank T. Gregory
For successful explorations in Western Australia

Patron's Medal - John Arrowsmith
For the very important services (in cartography) he has rendered to geographical science

1864

Founder's Medal - Captain J. A. Grant
For his journey across Eastern Equatorial Africa with Captain Speke

Patron's Medal - Baron C. von der Decken
For his Geographical Surveys of the lofty mountains of Kilimandjaro

1865

Founder's Medal - Captain T. G. Montgomerie
For his great trigonometrical journey from the plains of the Punjab to the Karakoram Range

Patron's Medal - Samuel Baker
For his vigorous explorations in the interior of Africa

1866

Founder's Medal - Dr. Thomas Thomson
For his researches in the Western Himalayas and Thibet
Patron's Medal - W. Chandless
For his Survey of the River Purus [South America]

1867

Founder's Medal - Admiral Alexis Boutakoff
For being first to launch and navigate ships in the Sea of Aral ... and for his survey of the mouths of the Oxus

Patron's Medal - Dr. Isaac Hayes
For his expedition towards the open Polar Sea

1868

Founder's Medal - Dr. Augustus Petermann
For his important services as a Writer and Cartographer

Patron's Medal - Gerhard Rohlfs
For his extensive travels in the interior of Northern Africa ... and especially for his traverse of the continent from Tripoli to Lagos

1869

Founder's Medal - Professor A. E. Nordenskiöld
For designing and carrying out the Swedish expeditions to Spitzbergen ... whereby great additions have been made to our acquaintance with zoology, botany, geology and meteorology

Patron's Medal - Mrs. Mary Somerville
Who throughout her very long life has been eminently distinguished by her proficiency in those branches of science which form the basis of Physical Geography



1870

Founder's Medal - George W. Hayward
For his journey into Eastern Turkistan, and for reaching the Pamir Steppe

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Francis Garnier
For his extensive surveys ... from Cambodia to the Yatig-tsze-Kiang ... and for bringing his expedition to safety after the death of his chief

1871

Founder's Medal - Sir Roderick Murchison
Who for 40 years watched over the Society with more than paternal solicitude, and has at length placed it among the foremost of our scientific Societies

Patron's Medal - A. Keith Johnson
For distinguished services in the promotion of Physical Geography

1872

Founder's Medal - Colonel Henry Yule
For eminent services to Geography

Patron's Medal - Robert B. Shaw
For journeys in Eastern Turkistan, and for his extensive astronomical and hypsometrical observations

1873

Founder's Medal - Ney Elias
For his enterprise and ability in surveying the course of the Yellow River, and for his journey through Western Mongolia

Patron's Medal - Henry Morton Stanley
For his Relief of Livingstone, and for bringing his valuable journal and papers to England

1874

Founder's Medal - Dr. Georg Schweinfurth
For his explorations in Africa

Patron's Medal - Colonel P. Egerton Warburton
For his successful journey across the previously unknown western interior of Australia

1875

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Karl Weyprecht
For his enterprise and ability in command of expeditions to Spitzbergen and Nova Zembla

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Julius Payer
For explorations and discoveries in the Arctic regions

1876

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Verney Lovett Cameron
For his journey across Africa from Zanzibar to Benguela, and his survey of Lake Tanganyika

Patron's Medal - John Forrest
For his numerous successful explorations in Western Australia

1877

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir George Nares
For having commanded the Arctic Expedition of 1875/6, during which ships and sledge parties reached a higher Northern latitude than had previously been attained

Patron's Medal - The Pundit Nain Singh

For his great journeys and surveys in Tibet and along the Upper Brahmaputra, during which he determined the position of Lhasa and added largely to our knowledge of the map of Asia

1878

Founder's Medal - Baron F. von Richthofen

For his extensive travels and scientific explorations in China

Patron's Medal - Captain Henry Trotter

For services to Geography ... which resulted in the connection of the Trigonometrical Survey of India with Russian Surveys from Siberia

1879

Founder's Medal - Colonel N. Prejevalsky

For successive expeditions and route-surveys in Mongolia and the high plateau of Northern Tibet

Patron's Medal - Captain N. V. J. Gill

For important work along the Northern frontier of Persia

1880

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant A. Louis Palander

For his services in connection with the Swedish Arctic Expeditions in the Vega

Patron's Medal - Ernest Giles

For his explorations and surveys in Australia

1881

Founder's Medal - Major Serpa Pinto

For his journey across Africa ... during which he explored 500 miles of new country

Patron's Medal - Benjamin Leigh Smith

For important discoveries along the coast of Franz-Josef Land

1882

Founder's Medal - Dr. Gustav Nachtigal

For his journeys through the Eastern Sahara

Patron's Medal - Sir John Kirk

For unremitting services to Geography, as a naturalist, as second-in-command to Dr. Livingstone, and as H.M. Consul-General at Zanzibar

1883

Founder's Medal - Sir Joseph Hooker

For eminent services to scientific Geography

Patron's Medal - E. Colborne Baber

For scientific works during his many exploratory journeys in the interior of China

1884

Founder's Medal - A. R. Colquhoun

For his journey from Canton to the Irrawadi

Patron's Medal - Dr. Julius von Haast

For his extensive explorations in the Southern Island of New Zealand

**1885**

Founder's Medal - Joseph Thomson

For his zeal, promptitude and success during two expeditions into East Central Africa

Patron's Medal - H. E. O'Neill

For his 13 journeys of exploration along the coast and into the interior of Mozambique

1886

Founder's Medal - Major A. W. Greely

For having so considerably added to our knowledge of the shores of the Polar Sea and the interior of Grinnell Land

Patron's Medal - Guido Cora

For important services as a writer and cartographer

1887

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant-Colonel T. H. Holdich

For zeal and devotion in carrying out surveys of Afghanistan

Patron's Medal - Rev. G. Grenfell

For extensive explorations in the Cameroons and Congo

1888

Founder's Medal - Clements R. Markham

In acknowledgment of the value of his numerous contributions to geographical literature ... on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Society after 25 years' service

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant H. Wissmann

In recognition of his great achievements as an explorer in Central Africa

1889

Founder's Medal - A. D. Carey

For his remarkable journey in Central Asia during which he travelled 4750 miles through regions never visited by an Englishman

Patron's Medal - Dr. G. Radde

For a life devoted to the promotion of Scientific Geography

1890

Founder's Medal - Emin Pasha

For the great services he rendered to Geography during his twelve years' administration of the Equatorial Province of Egypt

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant F. E. Younghusband

For his journey from Machuria and Pekin to Kashmir, and especially for his route-surveys and topographical notes

1891

Founder's Medal - Sir James Hector

For investigations pursued as Naturalist to the Palliser expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. Fridtjof Nansen

For having been first to cross the inland ice of Greenland ... as well as for his qualities as a scientific geographer

1892

Founder's Medal - Alfred Russel Wallace

The well-known naturalist and traveller and co-discoverer with Charles Darwin of the theory of natural selection, in recognition of the high geographical value of his great works



For exploring and survey work in Central Asia

Patron's Medal - James McCarthy

For great services to geographical science in exploring and mapping all parts of the kingdom of Siam

1901

Founder's Medal - H. R. H. The Duke of the Abruzzi

For his journey to the summit of Mount St. Elias, and for his Arctic voyage in the Stella Polare

Patron's Medal - Dr. Donaldson Smith

For memorable journey across the unknown parts of Lake Rudolf and the Omo

1902

Founder's Medal - General Sir Frederick Lugard

For persistent attention to African Geography

Patron's Medal - Major Molesworth Sykes

For journeys in Persia and for the support given by him to native explorers

1903

Founder's Medal - Douglas Freshfield

In recognition of his valuable contributions to our knowledge of the Caucasus

Patron's Medal - Captain Otto Sverdrup

For important discoveries in Jones Sound and for the important part he played as captain of the Fram during Dr. Nansen's famous expedition

1904

Founder's Medal - Sir Harry Johnston

For his many valuable services towards the exploration of Africa

Patron's Medal - Commander Robert Scott: "For services as leader of the National Antarctic Expedition, and for his great sledge journey to 82° 17'S"

1905

Founder's Medal - Sir Martin Conway

For explorations in the mountain regions of Spitsbergen

Patron's Medal - Captain C. H. D. Ryder

For his survey of Yunnan and his work in connection with the Tibet Mission

1906

Founder's Medal - Alfred Grandidier

The veteran French savant who for forty years has devoted himself to the exploration of Madagascar, and for his monumental work on the island in 52 large quarto volumes

Patron's Medal - Dr. Robert Bell

Who during forty-five years of field work has mapped an immense area of Canada previously unknown

1907

Founder's Medal - Dr. Francisco Moreno

For extensive explorations in the Patagonian Andes

Patron's Medal - Captain Roald Amundsen

For his daring voyage for the purposes of research in the region of the North Magnetic Pole, and for his first accomplishment by any vessel of the famous North-West Passage

**1908**

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Boyd Alexander
For his three years' journey across Africa from the Niger to the Nile

Patron's Medal - HSH. The Prince of Monaco
For oceanographical studies off the coast of Spitsbergen

1909

Founder's Medal - Dr. M. A. Stein
For his extensive explorations in Central Asia, and in particular his archaeological work

Patron's Medal - Colonel M. G. Talbot
For the large amount of excellent survey work done by him on the Afghan frontier and in the Sudan

1910

Founder's Medal - Colonel H. H. Godwin-Austen
For geographical discoveries and surveys along the North-eastern frontier of India, especially his pioneer exploring in the Karakoram

Patron's Medal - Dr. William Spiers Bruce
For explorations in the Arctic and Antarctic

1911

Founder's Medal - Colonel P. K. Koziuff
For explorations in the Gobi desert, Northern Tibet and Mongolia

Patron's Medal - Dr. J. B. Charcot
For his important expeditions to the Antarctic, during which he conducted investigations of high scientific value in geology, meteorology, magnetic conditions and biology

1912

Founder's Medal - Charles M. Doughty
For his remarkable exploration in Northern Arabia, and for his classic work in which the results were described

Patron's Medal - Douglas Carruthers
For important expeditions to Ruwenzori, Turkestan, Arabia and Mongolia

1913

The Founder's Medal was not awarded, but an inscribed casket was presented to Lady Scott containing the Patron's Medal and the Special Antarctic Medal awarded to her late husband.

Patron's Medal - The late Dr. E. A. Wilson
For his excellent work in the study of the zoology of the Antarctic ... and for his skill as an artist

1914

Founder's Medal - Professor Albrecht Penck
For his advancement of almost every branch of scientific geography, and in particular his idea of an International map of the world on the millionth scale

Patron's Medal - Dr. Hamilton Rice
For his meritorious work on the head waters of the Orinoco and the Northern tributaries of the Amazon".

1915

Founder's Medal - Sir Douglas Mawson
For his conduct of the Australian Antarctic Expedition which achieved highly important scientific results



Patron's Medal - Dr. Filippo de Filippi
For his great expedition to the Karakoram and Eastern Turkestan

1916

Founder's Medal - Colonel P. H. Fawcett
For his contributions to the mapping of South America

Patron's Medal - Captain F. M. Bailey
For explorations on the border of India and Tibet ... and especially for tracing the course of the Tsang-po-Brahmaputra

1917

Founder's Medal - Commander D. G. Howarth
For explorations in Asiatic Turkey

Patron's Medal - Brigadier-General C. G Rawling
For explorations in Western Tibet and New Guinea

1918

Founder's Medal - Gertrude Bell
For her important explorations and travels in Asia Minor, Syria, Arabia and on the Euphrates

Patron's Medal - Commandant J. Tilho
For his long-continued surveys and explorations in Northern Africa

1919

Founder's Medal - Colonel E. M. Jack
For his geographical work on the Western Front

Patron's Medal - Professor William Davis
For his eminence in the development of Physical Geography

1920

Founder's Medal - H. St. John B. Philby
For his two journeys in South Central Arabia

Patron's Medal - Professor Jovan Cvijic
For his distinguished studies of the geography of the Baltic Peninsula

1921

Founder's Medal - Vilhjalmur Stefansson
For his distinguished services in the exploration of the Arctic Ocean

Patron's Medal - General R. Bourgeois
For his long and eminent services to Geography and Geodesy

1922

Founder's Medal - Colonel C. K. Howard-Bury
For his distinguished services in command of the Mount Everest Expedition

Patron's Medal - E. de Kovan Leffingwell
For surveys and investigations on the coast of Northern Alaska

1923

Founder's Medal - Dr. Knud Rasmussen



For exploration and research in the Arctic regions

Patron's Medal - The Hon. Miles Cater Smith
For explorations in the unknown interior of Papua

1924

Founder's Medal - Ahmed Hassanein Bey
For his journey to Kutara and Darfur

Patron's Medal - Commander Frank Wild
For his long services to Antarctic exploration.

1925

Founder's Medal - Brigadier-General C. G. Bruce
For lifelong geographical work in the exploration of the Himalaya ... and his leadership of the Mount Everest Expedition of 1922

Patron's Medal - A. F. R. Wollaston
For his journeys in Central Africa and Dutch New Guinea

1926

Founder's Medal - Colonel E. F. Norton
For his distinguished leadership of the Mount Everest Expedition, 1924, and his ascent to 28,100 feet

Patron's Medal - Sir Edgeworth David
For his work on the Funafuti atoll and for his leadership of the first ascent of Mount Erebus

1927

Founder's Medal - Major Kenneth Mason
For his connection between the of surveys of India and Russian Turkestan, and his leadership of the Shakshagam Expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. Lauge Kock
For his very remarkable six years' exploration of Northern Greenland

1928

Founder's Medal - Dr. Tom Longstaff
For long-continued geographical work in the Himalaya

Patron's Medal - Captain G. H. Wilkins
For his many years' systematic work in Polar Regions, culminating in his remarkable flight from Point Barrow to Spitsbergen

1929

Founder's Medal - Francis Rennell Rodd
For his journeys in the Sahara and his studies of the Tuareg people

Patron's Medal - C. H. Karius
For his crossing in Papua from the Fly River to the Sepik

1930

Founder's Medal - F. Kingdon-Ward
For geographical exploration, and work on botanical distribution in China and Tibet

Patron's Medal - Carsten E. Borchgrevink



1938

Founder's Medal - John Rymill
For the valuable scientific work of his British Grahamland Expedition

Patron's Medal - Eric Shipton
For his most distinguished record of mountain climbing

1939

Founder's Medal - Arthur M. Champion
For his surveys of the Turkana Province (Kenya) and the volcanoes south of lake Rudolf

Patron's Medal - Professor Hans Ahlmann
For exploration and glaciological studies in the Arctic

1940

Founder's Medal - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingrams
For exploration and studies in the Hadhramaut

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Alexander Glen
For his expeditions in Spitsbergen and North east Land

1941

Founder's Medal - Captain P. A. Clayton
For his surveys in the Libyan desert, and his application of his experience to desert warfare.

Patron's Medal - Dr. Isaiah Bowman
For his travels in South America and for his great services to the science of Geography

1942

Founder's Medal - Freya Stark
For her travels in the East and her account of them

Patron's Medal - Owen Lattimore
For his travels and studies in Central Asia

1943

No medals awarded.

1944

No medals awarded.

1945

Founder's Medal - Dr. Charles Camsell
For his contributions to the geology of the North

Patron's Medal - Sir Halford Mackinder
For his long and distinguished service in the advancement of the science of Geography

1946

Founder's Medal - Brigadier Edward A. Glennie
For his work on geodesy in India and his contributions to mapping in the Far East

Patron's Medal - Inspector Henry A. Larsen, RCMP
For his achievement of the North West Passage from both west to east and east to west

**1947**

Founder's Medal - Brigadier M. Hotine
For research work in Air Survey ... and for his cartographic work

Patron's Medal - Colonel Daniel van der Meulen
For exploratory journeys in the Hadhramaut, and his contributions to the geography of Southern Arabia

1948

Founder's Medal - Wilfred Thesiger
For contributions to the Geography of Southern Arabia and for his crossing of the Rub al Khali desert

Patron's Medal - Thomas H. Manning
For exploration and survey work in the Arctic

1949

Founder's Medal - Professor L. Dudley Stamp
For his work in organising the Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain and his application of Geography to National planning

Patron's Medal - Professor Hans Pettersson
For his leadership of the recent oceanographical cruise in the Albatross

1950

Founder's Medal - George F. Walpole
For contributions to the mapping of the Western Desert of Egypt

Patron's Medal - Professor Harald Sverdrup
For contributions to polar exploration and for oceanographic investigations

1951

Founder's Medal - Dr. Vivian E. Fuchs
For his contributions to Antarctic exploration and his research as leader of the survey 1948-50

Patron's Medal - Dr. Donald Thomson
For geographical exploration and studies in Arnhem land

1952

Founder's Medal - H. W. Tilman
For exploratory work among the mountains of East Africa and Central Asia

Patron's Medal - Paul-Emile Victor
For contributions to Polar exploration and for his geophysical investigations of the Greenland Icecap

1953

Founder's Medal - P. D. Baird
For explorations in the Canadian Arctic

Patron's Medal - Count Eigil Knuth
For exploration in Northern Greenland ... and for his contributions to Eskimo archaeology

1954

Founder's Medal - Brigadier Sir John Hunt
Leader of the British Mount Everest Expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. N. A. Mackintosh
For research and exploration in the Southern Ocean



1955

Founder's Medal - Dr. John K. Wright
For services in the development of geographical research and exploration

Patron's Medal - Commander C. J. W. Simpson
Leader of the British Expedition to North Greenland

1956

Founder's Medal - John Giaever
Leader of the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition, for contributions to Polar exploration

Patron's Medal - Charles Evans
For contributions to Himalayan exploration

1957

Founder's Medal - Professor Ardito Desio
For geographical exploration and surveys in the Himalayas

Patron's Medal - Sir George Binney
For contributions to Arctic exploration ... the pioneer use of the air survey technique ... and to the development of the university exploring expedition

1958

Founder's Medal - Dr. Paul A. Siple
For contributions to Antarctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Sir Edmund Hillary
For Antarctic and Himalayan exploration

1959

Founder's Medal - Commander W. R. Anderson, USN
For the first trans-Polar submarine voyage in command of USS Nautilus

Patron's Medal - Sir Raymond Priestly
For services to Antarctic exploration

1960

Founder's Medal - Professor Theodore Monod
For geographical exploration and research in the Sahara

Patron's Medal - Phillip G. Law
For Antarctic exploration and research

1961

Founder's Medal - Dr. Mikhail M. Somov
For Antarctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Dr. John Bartholomew
Editor 'The Times Atlas of the World', for contributions to cartography

1962

Founder's Medal - Captain Erwin McDonald, USN
For coastal explorations in the Bellingshausen Sea (Antarctica)

Patron's Medal - Tom Harrison



Government Ethnologist and Curator Sarawak Museum, for explorations in Central Borneo

1963

Founder's Medal - Capitaine Jacques-Yves Cousteau
For underwater exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Dr. Albert P. Crary
For Antarctic research and exploration

1964

Founder's Medal - Dr. L. S. H. Leakey
For palaeographical exploration and discoveries in East Africa

Patron's Medal - Dr. Thor Heyerdahl
For geographical explorations in the South Pacific Ocean

1965

Founder's Medal - Dr. E. F. Rootes
For Polar exploration and research, with special reference to the Canadian Arctic

Patron's Medal - Professor Lester C. King
For geomorphological exploration in the Southern Hemisphere

1966

Founder's Medal - Professor E. J. H. Corner
For botanical exploration in North Borneo and the Solomon Islands

Patron's Medal - Dr. G. Hattersley-Smith
For glaciological investigations in the Canadian Arctic

1967

Founder's Medal - Claudio and Orlando Vilas Boas
For contributions to exploration and development in the Mato Grosso

Patron's Medal - Professor Eduard Imhof
For contributions to cartography

1968

Founder's Medal - Dr. W. Brian Harland
For Arctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Professor Augusto Gansser
For geological exploration and mapping in the Himalaya

1969

Founder's Medal - Rear Admiral Rodolfo N. M. Panzarini
For services to Antarctic exploration and research and to international co-operation in Antarctic science

Patron's Medal - Drs. R. Thorsteinsson and E. T. Tozer
For contributions to exploration and economic development in the Canadian Arctic

1970

Founder's Medal - Walter William Herbert
For Arctic and Antarctic exploration and surveys

Patron's Medal - Dr. Haroun Tazieff



For volcanological research and exploration

1971

Founder's Medal - Sir George Deacon
For oceanographical research and exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. Charles Swithinbank
For glaciological research and exploration

1972

Founder's Medal - Rear Admiral G. S. Ritchie
For hydrographical charting and oceanographical exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. M. D. Gwynne
Leader, the RGS's South Turkana (Kenya) Expedition

1973

Founder's Medal - N. L. Falcon
Leader, the RGS's Musandam [North Oman] Expedition. For contributions to the geographical history of the Persian Gulf region

Patron's Medal - Professor E. H. Thompson
Professor of photogrammetry and surveying, University College London

1974

Founder's Medal - Christian J. S. Bonington
For mountain explorations

Patron's Medal - Gordon de Q. Robin
For polar research and exploration

1975

Founder's Medal - Sir Laurence Kirwan
For contributions to the geographical history of the Nubian Nile valley and Eastern Africa, and for services to exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. J. P. Kuettner
For explorations of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans

1976

Founder's Medal - Dr. Brian B. Roberts
For Polar exploration, and for contributions to Antarctic research and political negotiation

Patron's Medal - Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving
For services as Hydrographer of the Navy and for his encouragement of exploration

1977

Founder's Medal - Professor Michael Wise
For economic Geography, and for his contributions to international understanding in geographical teaching

Patron's Medal - Professor Kenneth Hare
For discoveries in Arctic Geography

1978

Founder's Medal - Major-General R. Brown
For services to the science of map-making

Patron's Medal - Professor Mieczyslaw Klirnaszewski
For his contributions to geomorphology and international understanding in Geography

1979

Founder's Medal - Dr. David Stoddart
For contributions to geomorphology, the study of coral reefs and the history of academic Geography

Patron's Medal - Robin Hanbury-Tenison
For leadership of scientific expeditions, including the Mulu Expedition, and for his work on behalf of primitive peoples

1980

Founder's Medal - Professor William R Mead
Patron's Medal - Professor Preston James

1981

Founder's Medal - Professor Keith J Miller
Patron's Medal - Professor Valter Schytt

1982

Founder's Medal - Mr Michael Ward FRCS
Patron's Medal - Mr Douglas Warren CMG

1983

Founder's Medal - Sir Peter Scott CBE DSC
Patron's Medal - Commander John Young NASA

1984

Founder's Medal - Sir Ranulph Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes Bt
Patron's Medal - Professor Pierre Gourou

1985

Founder's Medal - Mr David Attenborough CBE FRS
Patron's Medal - Walter Smith CB OBE

1986

Founder's Medal - Mr Timothy Severin
Patron's Medal - Professor Peter Haggett

1987

Founder's Medal - Dr Anthony Laughton FRS
Patron's Medal - Professor Richard J Chorley

1988

Founder's Medal - Professor Peter Hall FBA
Patron's Medal - Mr Nigel de N Winser

1989

Founder's Medal - Dr Monica Kristensen
Patron's Medal - Professor Keith Clayton CBE

1990

Founder's Medal - Dr John Hemming
Patron's Medal - Dr Richard Leakey



1991

Founder's Medal - Professor Andrew Goudie
Patron's Medal - Dr Helge and Dr Anne Stine Ingstad

1992

Founder's Medal - Professor Alan Wilson
Patron's Medal - Dr Martin Holdgate CB

1993

Founder's Medal - Professor Kenneth Gregory
Patron's Medal - Colonel John Blashford-Snell MBE

1994

Founder's Medal - Professor Ronald Cooke
Patron's Medal - Professor Ghillean Prance FRS

1995

Founder's Medal - The Earl of Cranbrook
Patron's Medal - Professor David Harvey

1996

Founder's Medal - Professor John Woods CBE
Patron's Medal - Professor John Thornes

1997

Founder's Medal - Professor Sir Tony Wrigley
Patron's Medal - Professor David Rhind

1998

Founder's Medal - Professor Robert Bennett
Patron's Medal - Dr David Drewry

1999

Founder's Medal - Professor Mike Kirkby
For contributions to the development of process-based and modelling approaches in geomorphology
Patron's Medal - Doug Scott, CBE: "for contributions to mountaineering and the knowledge of mountain regions"

2000

Founder's Medal - Professor Brian Robson
For contributions to urban geography and geographical perspectives to urban policy

Patron's Medal - Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO
For contributions to promoting the understanding of global environmental issues in governmental and wider public arena

2001

Founder's Medal - Professor William Graf
For contributions to research on dryland river processes, and the interactions of science and public policy

Patron's Medal - Reinhold Messner
For contributions to mountaineering and mountain regions

2002

Founder's Medal - Bruno Messerli
For contributions to mountain research and the public awareness of mountain issues



Patron's Medal - Dr David Keeble
For advancing knowledge in economic and industrial geography'

2003

Founder's Medal - Professor Mike Goodchild
For contributions to geographical information science

Patron's Medal - Harish Kapadia
For contributions to geographical discovery and mountaineering in the Himalayas

2004

Founder's Medal - Professor Leszek Starkel
For advancing international understanding of palaeohydrology and geomorphology

Patron's Medal - Sydney Possuelo
For contributions to Brazilian people's rights and explorations in Amazonia

2005

Founder's Medal - Professor Sir Nicholas Shackleton
For research on Quaternary palaeoclimatology

Patron's Medal - Professor Jean Malaurie
For a lifelong study of the Arctic and its peoples

2006

Founder's Medal - Professor Derek Gregory
For international leadership of research in human geography and social theory

Patron's Medal - Professor Jack Ives
For his role internationally in establishing the global importance of mountain regions