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## Quiet mentor wins prestigious prize

A minerals processing postgraduate student specialising in froth flotation has won the 1999 Ian Morley Prize.

Originating from Chile, Marco Vera is nearing the completion of his PhD at the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre having gained a masters degree through the Centre in 1996.

Marco is the tenth winner of the award since its inception in 1990 following a bequest from a former Queensland Chief Inspector of Mines, the late Mr Ian Morley, who had formed an association with the JKMRC in the 1960s.



***Attending the Tenth Ian Morley Prize, from left, is founding JKMRC Director Professor Alban Lynch, trustees Os Blau and David Tennant, prize winner Marco Vera, and University of Queensland Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown.***

The prize acknowledges students who have excelled academically and had also made a significant contribution to the social life of the JKMRC.

Chair of the JKMRC's Board of Management, University of Queensland Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown presented the 1999 Ian Morley Prize to Mr Vera.

Professor Brown said Marco has played a significant role in the life of the Centre since his arrival from

Chile in 1992, having served on the student liaison committee and taking on the challenging task of JKMRM Postgraduate Conference chairman in 1997.

"Marco is a quiet mentor to his fellow students, helping those from overseas settle into life at the JKMRM," Professor Brown said.

In winning the prize, Marco received a certificate acknowledging the honour and a cheque for \$1600. Marco thanked the trustees and paid tribute to Ian Morley for his foresight in providing a legacy that would recognise the achievements of postgraduate students as each new generation passed through the Centre.

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