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SAG milling specialist wins prize for best all-rounder



Presenting this year's Ian Morley prize was The University of Queensland's Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown. From left are: Os Blau, David Tennant, Mal Rose,

Walter Valery and Professor Ted Brown

It's been a double celebration for 1997's Ian Morley prize winner Walter Valery.

Not only did the expatriate Brazilian engineer win the award for best all-round post-graduate student at The University of Queensland's Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre, but he recently completed his 'ground breaking' PhD thesis "A dynamic model for AG/SAG mills."

The work undertaken to complete the thesis took Walter to several sites around Australia, not least of all Kalgoorlie's Fimiston plant where he played a key role in the optimisation of KCGM's SAG mill.

Despite the rigours of travel, research and 'writing up', Walter - an AusIMM member - still found time to play an active part in the social life of the JK Centre at Indooroopilly, Brisbane, noted as Australia's leading postgraduate mining and minerals processing research institution.

In winning the award, Walter's academic achievements were complemented by student activities such as organising the Centre's annual International night - a celebration of the JKMRC's multicultural mix of Australian and international students.

The cash prize is awarded each year in honour of a former Queensland Chief Inspector of Mines, Ian Morley, who first came into contact with the JKMRC in the early 1960s and later wrote the seminal work on Australia's mineral sands industry "Black Sands."

Now deceased, Ian Morley bequeathed a generous legacy to the JKMRC to acknowledge students who not only excelled academically, but showed leadership through social interaction at the Centre.

Present for the prize giving ceremony at the JKMRC were Ian Morley Prize trustees David Tennant, Mal Rose and Os Blau, who spoke about Ian Morley's distinguished career .

Presenting Walter with his prize was University of Queensland Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown.

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