

I will preface this by saying that we have in the audience, I am delighted to say, with us, some members of Stewart Lyon's family. Thank you very much for joining us and taking the time to be with us this evening.

I would like to move the motion :

That the British Museum desires to record its sincere regrets at the death of Dr Colin Stewart Sinclair Lyon, President of the Society from 1966 to 1970, and subsequently one of the Society's Vice-Presidents; expresses its appreciation of his unrivalled services to the Society over a period of well over half a century; and conveys its deep sympathy to his family and relatives.

I would like just to sketch out, if I may, some of the main points of his service and dedication to the Society.

He was born in November 1926 and was elected to the Society in November 1945 at the age of 19. He served on Council for two years from 1957, and then successively occupied the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and Director up to 1965. The following year he was elected President and served through a full term. A further period on Council started in 1972, and then in 1976 he became a Vice-President. He was awarded the John Sanford Saltus Medal in 1974, and was elected an Honorary Member in 1994.

He would have been, if I am right, 95 yesterday, a date I should say is meaningful to me because we share a birthday, albeit forty years apart.

Kevin Clancy