



## THE AVA - DAVID MARR MEDAL

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INAUGURAL AWARD, 2008

The AVA will award, every two years, a medal recognizing the achievements of an outstanding vision scientist in the early part of his or her research career. The award will be called **the David Marr medal**, in memory of one of Britain's most distinguished vision researchers.

We are delighted to say that the launch of this AVA award attracted a really strong set of candidates, and we felt this said a lot about the quality and vitality of vision research in the UK and Europe.

The runner-up, highly commended by the committee for her elegant work on the role of priors and learning in shape from shading, is Dr Wendy Adams from the University of Southampton.

The winner of this inaugural award, for the originality and breadth of his work on colour vision, visual ecology, visual search, attention, subliminal processes and action control is **Dr Petroc Sumner** from Cardiff University. Congratulations!

Petroc has been invited to receive the award, and to give a talk on some aspects of his work, at the Christmas AVA meeting, Bristol, December 2008.

A call for nominations for the 2010 award will be issued in the autumn 2009.



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