

The Torbern Bergman Medal



[Torbern Bergman](#) (1735 - 1784) came to Uppsala in 1752. He began, under parental influence, studying theology and philosophy, and - secretly - mathematics, physics, and astronomy. During the years of 1755 - 58, he produced several dissertations, which rendered him a senior lectureship in physics.

In 1767, the chair of chemistry at Uppsala University was to be filled. Bergman's application comprised one single chemical work, but through the personal intervention of Crown Prince Gustav, he was appointed, which proved extraordinarily fortunate for chemistry. Within a few years, Bergman was considered among the foremost chemists in Europe. His research ardour was immense. In addition, he was a distinguished teacher. A bibliography of Bergman's publications (Birgitta Moström, 1957) includes 307 articles in Swedish and several other languages. Many of these works are available at the university library in Uppsala.



Bergman's contributions concerned, to a great extent, analytical chemistry. It was therefore natural for the Analytical Division of the Swedish Chemical Society to honour him by instituting the Torbern Bergman Medal in 1967, on the 200th anniversary of his appointment to the chair of chemistry at Uppsala University.

The following analytical chemists have been awarded the Torbern Bergman Medal:

Gerold Schwarzenbach (1967)
Anders Ringbom (1969)
Charles N Reilly (1971)
Evan C Horning (1973)
Alan Walsh (1976)
Kai Siegbahn (1979)
Joseph J Kirkland (1982)
Jaromir Ruzicka (1985)
James D Winefordner (1987)
John Knox (1990)
Bruce Kowalski (1993)
Svante Wold (1993)
Stellan Hjertén and
Jim Jorgensen (1996)

William R Heineman (1999)
Fred W McLafferty (2001)
Csaba Horváth (2003)
Franz Hillenkamp and
Michael Karas (2006)
Barry Karger (2008)
Janusz Pawliszyn (2010)
Richard Zare (2012)
Allen J Bard and
Adam Heller (2014)
Carol Robinson (2016)
Jonathan V Sweedler (2018)
Graham Cooks (2020)
Pauline Rudd (2024)



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