

John Shaw – Peter Coville Award Citation

Since his arrival in New Zealand, John has become a bastion of pharmacy education and an exemplar of clinical pharmacy practice in New Zealand.

Beginning as a lecturer in pharmacology at the School of Pharmacy at the Central Institute of Technology in 1978, John was one of those exceptional teachers who actively engaged with students, teaching his subject with palpable enthusiasm.

John's skill and passion for teaching saw him replace the late Peter Coville as head of the School of Pharmacy at CIT until it closed in 1990. From Heretaunga, John moved to the National School of Pharmacy at the University of Otago where he practiced both clinically and in a teaching position leading to the successive roles of Associate Dean (Academic), then Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy. In Dunedin, John again worked alongside Peter Coville, who was then Dean of the School, both of them keen advocates of a greater clinical focus in the training of graduates providing new skills and drive within the profession.

In 2000, John was appointed to the inaugural Chair in Pharmacy at the University of Auckland. John's passion for pharmacy has truly been expressed in this role. With his energy, John has created a first class facility over the past ten years, resulting in his receiving the Butland Distinguished Teaching Award in 2003 and the prestigious University of Auckland Teaching Excellence Award in 2005.

John's significant contribution was recognised by the profession when he was made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand in 2004.

John's career as an inspirational teacher has also been matched by a commitment to the profession as a member of various academic panels and as a long standing member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand.

John has contributed to the New Zealand College of Pharmacists as both a member of the Executive Council and Chair of the Academic Advisory Board from 1991 to 1996. His considered wisdom and passion for pharmacy is something that has benefitted the profession for over thirty years.

As the inaugural recipient of the Peter Coville Award, John has set an example of determination and passion that is truly deserving of an award which recognises an individual's significant and outstanding contribution to Pharmacy Education and to the New Zealand College of Pharmacists.