Professor Hugh Burkhardt

Biography

Hugh Burkhardt, a theoretical physicist and educational design leader, was Director of the University's Shell Centre for Mathematical Education from 1976 to 1992, and of many Shell Centre projects since then. He is the founder of ISDDE, the International Society for Design and Development in Education. His published work in mathematics education focuses on assessment, mathematical modelling, educational design and development, and the challenges of systemic change.

In 2013 he won the ISDDE Prize for excellence in educational design for "his leadership of the Shell Centre for Mathematical Education, his contributions to a large number of its influential products, and the development of its engineering research methodology" with its emphasis on materials that have direct impact on practice. Along with his Shell Centre colleague Malcolm Swan, he was in 2016 the first recipient of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction's Emma Castelnuovo Award "for excellence in the practice of mathematics education".

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