

# Member Awards - Michael Parkinson

In this series we feature IIA-Australia Members who have been recognised with awards past and present.

## Name

Michael Parkinson

## Location

These days I live in Adelaide. For most of my career I lived and worked in Canberra.

## Professional role

In theory I am retired after more than 30 years as a practicing internal auditor.

## What award did you win?

There are two awards that have been important to me: the Bob McDonald Award from the IIA-Australia and the Victor Z Brink Award from the IIA Global. These awards have been named for individuals who have made significant contributions to the IIA by their work and example. In each case, the awards mean more because of the others who have received the award. It is very flattering to be listed in the company of these contributors.

## How did the award come about?

I was actively involved with the IIA from 1986 when I joined the education committee of IIA-Canberra. Since that time, I have served on the IIA-Canberra Council, the IIA-Australia Board as President 1999–2001, and as chair of the host chapter committee for the IIA International Conference in 2004. I have also served on the IIA–Global board and executive committee and on the International Conference Committee, International Relations Committee and the International Internal Auditing Standards Board.

## What came out of receiving the award?

It is gratifying to be recognised in this manner and, strangely enough, it motivates to continue contributing. I have stepped back from the significant levels of committee work that once occupied my time – it is important for the next generation of internal auditors to take control of the profession. I now spend much of my time in activities designed to educate and mentor budding professionals.

## What are you doing now?

I now serve on a number of audit committees, but the bulk of my professional activity is in support for the Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing, the development of professional training and helping with the IIA's external quality assurance review consulting program.

