

MICHAEL BRISK

Class of 1955

Michael Brisk (1951-1955) was dux of Sydney Technical High School and then graduated with the University Medal in Chemical Engineering from the University of Sydney in 1960, and with a PhD in 1965.

After working with ICI in the UK for six years, he returned in the 1970s to lecturing in chemical engineering at Sydney University, joining ICI Australia in 1983, where he managed applied research in Sydney, before transferring to ICI Australia Engineering in Melbourne in 1988 to establish the Advanced Process Control Group.

Later, as an Engineering Associate, and International Technology Leader, Advanced Process Control for the ICI Group worldwide, he led the development of the Group's process control strategy, working with ICI engineers in the UK, South Africa and the Asia Pacific region.

In 1995 he joined Monash University as Dean of Engineering, a position he held for eight years until retirement at the end of 2002. He was Chair of the Australian Council of Engineering Deans from 1997 to 1999.

In 2004 Professor Brisk received the Australia and New Zealand Federation of Chemical Engineers' top award, the Chemeca Medal, for outstanding service and contribution to Chemical Engineering. He is an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and a recipient of the Australian Federation Centenary Medal for contributions to Chemical Engineering and to Education.