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Peter J. T. Morris to receive 2006 Sidney M. Edelstein Award in History of Chemistry.

Peter J. T. Morris, in charge of the research program at the Science Museum, London, has been selected to receive the 2006 Sidney M. Edelstein Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry presented by the Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) of the American Chemical Society. Morris was selected from a group of international nominees primarily because of the breadth and quality of his research publications in the history of chemistry and his significant contributions since 2001 as editor of *Ambix*, the journal of the Society for the History of Chemistry.

Morris' research publications include several books about the development of chemical industry in Germany, in Great Britain, and in the United States. These books, some coauthored with other scholars in Great Britain and the United States, have focused on rubber and other polymer industries, on twentieth century instrumentation for chemistry, and on biography. His entry in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, on British chemist Archer J. P. Martin, was designated Editor's Choice for January 2006. During his five years as editor of *Ambix*, the journal has been expanded by 50% and has appeared in an on-line edition.

The annual Edelstein Award, and its predecessor The Dexter Award, was first given in 1956. The award consists of an engraved plaque and a check for \$3500 and is supported by a gift from Ruth Edelstein Barish and family and by the Chemical Heritage Foundation. The award will be presented to Morris at the National meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco in September 2006. HIST will also host a special symposium to celebrate the 50th year of the Edelstein/Dexter awards.

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Extraordinary record of research publication in history of chemical industry in three countries and exceptional achievement as editor of *Ambix* during the past five years.