



Sir Neil Hamilton Fairley KBE

The degree of Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) was conferred by the Chancellor upon Sir Neil Hamilton Fairley KBE, MD DSc LLD *Melb* MD *Adel*, FECP FRACP FRCPE FRS, world authority on tropical diseases, at 3.30pm on 7 March 1956.

Citation

Sir Neil, who is an Australian, had a distinguished career as a research worker and teacher in tropical medicine, culminating in his appointment as Wellcome Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University of London. During the 1939-45 War, as Chairman of the Combined Advisory Committee to General MacArthur on Tropical Medicine, Hygiene and Sanitation, HQ, South-west Pacific Area and Director of the LHQ Medical Research Unit, Cairns, he made a major contribution to ultimate victory in the Pacific, by his work on the enormous problem of maintaining the health of troops in the tropical regions, and in developing anti-malarial drugs which led to successful control of malaria in jungle warfare.

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