

## Professor Alan McLeod Sargeson

One of the University's most distinguished graduates in the field of Chemistry, Professor Alan McLeod Sargeson was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at a Conferring of Degrees ceremony in the Great Hall at 10.00am on 2 March 1990.



Professor Alan McLeod Sargeson and Deputy Chancellor Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer, *photo, 'The University of Sydney News', 13 March 1990, University Archives.*

### Report

Professor Sargeson, who has held the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry in the Research School of Chemistry, Australian National University since 1978, is well known for his work on the synthesis and characterisation of entire new classes of 'coordination compounds', that is chemical substances in which metal atoms are surrounded by one or more molecules which contain other chemical elements. These compounds are being used to gain insights into chemical processes which occur in living organisms.

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