The honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon Professor Graeme Milbourne Clark, the creator of the ‘bionic ear’ or multi-electrode cochlear implant, at a degree conferring ceremony held on 18 February 1989 in the Great Hall.

Professor Clark, a graduate of this University, came up with the initial idea for the bionic ear while lecturing in Physiology here. He was the winner of the first BHP Award in 1987.