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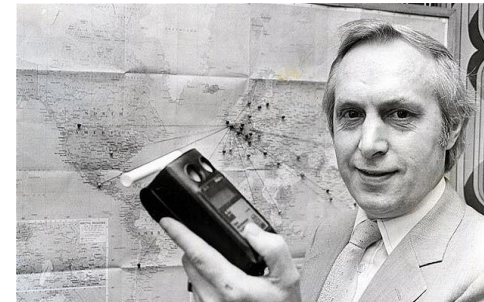
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### Tributes paid to founder of PPM Technology.

Many tributes have been received following the sudden death of the founder of PPM Technology Dr Tom Parry Jones OBE.

Dr Parry-Jones established PPM Ltd in 1993, Dr. Jones stepped down due to ill health in 1999 - the company was bought by three employees and re-named PPM Technology Ltd.

He also founded Lion Laboratories to manufacture and market the alcohol breathalyzer. He invented the electronic device in 1974 and went on to sell it to police forces across the world. In 1991 Lion was sold to the American technology giant MPD Inc, Dr Jones kept the toxic gas detection section of Lion and founded Portable Precision Monitors (PPM) to sell the Formaldemeter and Glutaraldemeter instruments. These products, now much improved, are of course still part of PPM's product range.



*With the electronic breathalyzer he invented.*

Stuart Alexander from one of our long-standing distributors Tennants Distribution paid tribute – “A brilliant mind, a patient mentor and a nice man which is a rare combination and will be sadly missed.”

Everyone here at PPM Technology is hugely grateful to Dr Jones for the role he played in establishing PPM and for his continued support over the years.

He also set up the ‘Dr Tom Parry Jones Fund’ to encourage young people into careers in science and technology, it is also used to stage the Bangor Science Festival. Dr Parry Jones leaves a wife, Raj, a son Gareth and two daughters, Diane and Sara, and his mother, Grace Jones.

**Obituary** - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/9803707/Tom-Parry-Jones.html>



*Dr Jones at the launch of the AMS 2 Base Unit in January 1997 – our first continuous monitor.*



*With his wife Raj at the party to celebrate his retirement from PPM*

## Science International successful in tender for Formaldehyde detection instruments.

Science International, our main distributor in PR China has successfully won a tender to supply 119 Formaldemeter htv instruments to the Government Procurement Office of Shan Xi Province. The tender name was '*Inspection Instrument Purchase for Development of Health Inspection and Supervision in county level of Shan Xi Province*'

Science has been our best-selling distributor for a number of years, this latest sale suggests our excellent co-operation will continue in a similar manner in years to come. This recent tender is fantastic news and a great way to kick off 2013 for PPM!



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## New EU classification for Formaldehyde likely to come into force in 2015.

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has upgraded Formaldehyde to a category 1B carcinogen. The ECHA have also classified formaldehyde as a category 2 mutagen. The European Commission is responsible for making the opinion legally binding, it is likely that in 2015 the classification will come to force, and new regulations will start kicking in.

PDF document regarding the proposed changes are available – contact me [gareth@ppm-technology](mailto:gareth@ppm-technology)

## New year brings new opportunities.

We wish all our readers a Happy New Year. With the continued support of our customers, distributors and suppliers we are confident 2013 will be a successful year. We will continue our policy of continuously improving the performance and features of our instruments in 2013.

We would also like to wish all our readers a Happy Chinese New Year. China has always been a major market for PPM; with the continued support of our best-selling distributors Science International we are confident this will continue for years to come.

If you have any relevant stories, including any recent or upcoming exhibitions, application stories or customer testimonials that you want to be included in the next newsletter please feel free to contact us:

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