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Professor Greg Whittred of the University of Sydney was the 1989 winner of the Academy's prestigious Hourglass Award. The Hourglass Award is presented annually to a person(s) who has made a significant contribution to the study of accounting history. Whittred won the award for his 1988 book entitled The Evolution of Consolidated Financial Reporting in Australia. The book was published by Garland Publishing, Inc. of New York. Whittred is the second professor from the University of Sydney to win the award as Murray Wells was the recipient of the 1979 award. Sydney is the only university to have had two winners.

The book, which was based on Whittred's doctoral dissertation (from the University of New South Wales), investigates the economic incentives of Australian corporations to voluntarily provide consolidated reports. His methodology can likely be used by others to study other financial reporting developments.

Professor Whittred joins an elite group of scholars by winning the Hourglass Award. The previous Hourglass winners, and the publications that won them the award are as follows:

1973 — Steve Zeff, Forging Accounting Principles in Five Countries.
1976 — Osamu Kojima and Basil Yamey, for reproduction of Ympyn's A Notable and Very Excellent Worke (1547).
1979 — Murray Wells, Accounting for Common Costs.
1981 — H. Thomas Johnson, for a series of articles on "The Development of Management Accounting."
1982 — Williard Stone, for a series of articles on "American Accounting History."
1983 — Richard P. Brief, for authoring many books and articles and editing 196 volumes on accounting history subjects.
1987 — Ernest Stevelinck, for a half century of work in the study of accounting history and accounting historians.