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■ LORD Roy Hattersley with Wrexham Science Festival innovation and creativity award winners Innotec 200, John Stones, managing director, Allison Stones, and Bev Jenkins, general manager.

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## Lord lights up festival dinner

ROY Hattersley, formerly deputy leader of the Labour Party, now Lord Hattersley, lamented the British tradition of dividing the arts and sciences in education, when he addressed guests at the Wrexham Science Festival dinner last night at the Bryn Howel Hotel, Trevor, Llangollen.

In a speech laced with political anecdotes, and assurances that Buster, his celebrity dog, was doing well, Lord Hattersley reminisced about past centuries when government and business had combined their efforts to promote the advance of science for the

common good. He said he welcomed the modern realisation that science was now part of our whole existence.

Festival director Peter Scott announced it had attracted about 15,000 visitors (3,000 more than last year) and there had been 600 hits a day on the website.

The business innovation competition was won by Innotec 2000, of Sandycroft, Deeside, which makes a potentially life-saving kit

for testing carbon monoxide alarms.

Managing director John Stones accepted a cheque for £5,000 from Gareth John, marketing director of the Welsh Development Agency.

The competition attracted 23 entries.

The other short-listed businesses were Amps, of Cefn Mawr; BioEngLINK, of Chirk; Carwash@Work, of Bersham; and Pace Telecom, of Grosford.