

## **Ralph H. Thomas Received the 2011 HPS Founders Award**

On June 28, 2011, a founding member and the first President-Elect of the HPS Accelerator Section, Ralph H. Thomas, was named recipient of the prestigious HPS Founders Award. The Award was presented to Ralph at the 56<sup>th</sup> HPS Annual Awards Banquet in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Founders Award, called the Meritorious Performance Award prior to 1984, consists of a plaque and Life Membership in the Society. The Founders Award was designed to recognize exceptional service to the HPS or the health physics profession. The recipient of the award is recognized for recent contributions to the Society. This award was especially poignant for Ralph inasmuch as his long time colleague and friend, H. Wade Patterson, also received the award in 1983 (past award winners are shown on the HPS Awards [website](#)).

Ralph was greeted by a host of well wishers and colleagues at the conclusion of the ceremony. Ralph's March 2011 J. Newell Stannard Lecture may be viewed on the HPS Accelerator Section website at: "[The Early History of Accelerator Radiological Protection or A Limey in Wonderland](#)".



Ralph H. Thomas (right) receives from HPS Past President Howard Dickson the 2011 HPS Founders Award (C. Sun 062811).