



## Sir Geoff Palmer

### Bio

Sir Geoff Palmer OBE is Professor Emeritus in the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, and a human rights activist.

He discovered the barley abrasion process whilst a researcher at the Brewing Research Foundation from 1968 to 1977. In 1998, and became the fourth person, and the first European, to be honoured with the American Society of Brewing Chemists Award of Distinction, considered the "Nobel prize of brewing".

In 1989, he became the first black professor in Scotland, becoming a Professor Emeritus after he retired in 2005. He was knighted in the 2014 New Year Honours.

We will hear Sir Geoff's inspiring 'Life Scientific' story including arriving in the UK from Jamaica in 1955, revolutionising the malting industry to his human rights work.