

## Homecoming Scotland Book of the Year Award

Below is a photograph taken on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Saltire Society Homecoming Literary Awards Ceremony, at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. The winner of the 'Book of the Year' award was Robert Crawford, for his biography of Burns entitled *The Bard*. In his acknowledgements Crawford was glowing in his praise and thanks to the Federation for all the help he received in writing the book.



Pictured above, at the National Library of Scotland is Robert Crawford in the centre, with Sam Judge , the new Chief Executive of the Burns Federation on his right and Mike Duguid, the Federation President on his left.

The judges praised the depth of research and readability of 'The Bard' which showed Burns not only as a tradition bearer but also a challenger and refresher of tradition.