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INTERNATIONAL DESALINATION ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS Honors Conferred during 2015 IDA World Congress

TOPSFIELD, MA, USA, September 17, 2015 – Awards totaling more than \$30,000 US were presented at the 2015 IDA World Congress on Desalination and Water Reuse in San Diego, California. Six awards at \$5,000 US, each selected by the World Congress Awards Committee, were presented in the following categories:



STATE OF THE ART, awarded to presenter Dr. Glenn Byrne, Rolled Alloys (UK), for the paper, *Stray Current Corrosion in SWRO Systems*.

This award recognizes the paper that presents the application of an established desalination or water reuse technology in a way that reflects the best engineering practices in all aspects of the project or topic presented. The project or topic is significant for the industry and in the world, depicting an impressive piece of engineering, a solution or infrastructure that has long-term value to the desalination community.



INNOVATION, awarded to presenter Mr. Bart Nelemans, Aquastil b.v. (Netherlands), for the paper, *New Module Design Development for Membrane Distillation*.

This award recognizes the paper that presents an innovative desalination or water reuse technology that has reached the commercial stage but is not yet considered to be widely adopted. However, the data presented on the technology suggests that it is likely to become a game-changer for the industry and that it could represent the next state-of-the-art advancement.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, awarded to presenter Mr. James C. Lozier, CH2M Hill (USA), for the paper, *Innovative Membrane-Based Treatment Method for Brines from Coal Seam Gas Production*. (Not present to accept award).

This award recognizes the paper that presents fundamental or applied research of a technology or concept related to desalination or water reuse that is at a pre-commercialization stage, but shows interesting signs of development that could lead to significant discoveries or technologies upon maturity.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY, awarded to presenter Mr. Troy Walker, Hazen and Sawyer (USA), for the paper, *Safety & Reliability of Direct Potable Reuse: Using the Critical Control Point of Methodology*. (Not present to accept award).

This award recognizes the paper that presents a desalination or water reuse research topic, case study, technology or any project in such a way that demonstrates how desalination can be applied while respecting the environment and applying best sustainability principles.



YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM, awarded to presenter Ms. Johanna Ludwig, akvolution GmbH (Germany), for the paper, *Ceramic Membrane Treatment for Saline Water Reuse in a Large Marine Aquarium*.

This award recognizes the paper that demonstrates scientific originality, whose topic is relevant and important to the fields of desalination and/or water reuse.



THE EMERGING LEADER AWARD, sponsored by “ARWADEX – Water Desalination Conference in the Arab Countries” and presented to Prakash Narayan Govindan, Gradiant Corporation (USA).

This award is presented to one member of the IDA Young Leader’s Program whose contribution to the desalination and water reuse industry has shown a track record of positive leadership and originality.

Members of the Awards Committee were Guillaume Clairet, H2O Innovation; Tom Pankratz, WDR; Lisa Henthorne, Water Standard; Mike Dixon, Alberta Water Smart; Ronan McGovern, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Alejandro Sturniolo, RWL; John Tonner, Consolidated; Ties Venema, Fluytec; Fahad Al Muhaizie, Advanced Water Technology; Fayyaz Mubeen, international consultant and IDA Director; Veronica Garcia Molina, Dow; Jochen Kalemberg, OMYA; and Eng. Zamzam Alrakaf, Kuwait Ministry of Electricity & Water and IDA Director.

IDA also presented awards in **three new categories**, each one in the amount of \$500 US and selected directly by conference delegates who voted on the official World Congress mobile app. Recipients were:



Most Appreciated Presenter: Mr. Jaichander Swaminathan MIT (USA), for *Experimental Investigation of High Efficiency Single-Stage Membrane Distillation Configurations*.



Most Appreciated Poster: Mr. David Martin Warsinger, MIT (USA), for *Effect of Filtration and Particulate Fouling in Membrane Distillation*.



Most Appreciated Moderator: Dr. Heike Glade, University of Bremen (Germany) in Session 24, *Thermal Desalination: Membrane Distillation*.



In addition, **Presidential Awards** were presented to Doug Eisberg and Dr. Richard L. Stover for their outstanding performance as the Technical Program Co-Chairpersons of the 2015 IDA World Congress.



Awarded to Mohammad Abunayyan, Chairman of Abunayyan Holding and ACWA Power International for his vision, leadership and creativity that have established ACWA Power International as a leader in providing clean and sustainable water and energy, and for ACWA Power's support of IDA's programs including sponsorship of several World Congresses. (*Accepting the award is Khalid Abunayyan*).



IDA also presented an **Industry Contribution Award** to Ms. Faith Leitner in memory of her father Gordon Leitner, a pioneer in desalination.

About IDA

The International Desalination Association (www.idadesal.org) is the point of connection for the global desalination and water reuse community. A non-profit association, IDA serves more than 2,600 core members in 60 countries and reaches an additional 4,000 affiliate members. Its membership comprises scientists, end-users, engineers, consultants and researchers from governments, corporations and academia. IDA is associated with the United Nations as part of a growing international network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

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