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**INTERNATIONAL DESALINATION ASSOCIATION CONFERS  
WATER REUSE AND CONSERVATION AWARDS AT CONFERENCE IN NICE, FRANCE**  
**Awards Presented in Three Categories**



**TOPSFIELD, MA, USA, October 5, 2016** – The International Desalination Association conferred the inaugural IDA Water Reuse and Conservation Awards at its International Conference on Water Reuse and Recycling “Turning Vision into Reality”, which took place in Nice, France.

Awards were presented in three categories:

- Outstanding Professional in Water Reuse and Conservation, in recognition of individuals who have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the development and implementation of landmark water reuse projects, and advancement of technology and applied science in the field of water reuse and conservation.

**Winner:** Dr. Masaru Kurihara, Toray Industries, Inc.

**Distinction Award (tie):** Professor Neal Chung, National University of Singapore

**Distinction Award (tie):** Dr. Roberto Mazzini, Veolia Water Technologies Italia

- Exceptional Utility Leader in Water Reuse and Conservation, to recognize the outstanding performance of public or private utilities that have implemented successful leading-edge water reuse and conservation programs and projects.

**Winner:** Orange County Water District, USA

**Distinction Award:** Suez, France

**Merit Award:** Water Corporation, Australia

- Industry Technology and Innovation Leader in Water Reuse and Conservation, to recognize the outstanding performance of private consulting firms and technology and equipment providers that have achieved disruptive advances in water reuse and conservation technology or solutions that have enabled significant reduction in energy use, carbon footprint and costs of alternative water supplies.

**Winner:** Veolia Water Technologies, France

**Distinction Award:** Desalitech, USA

**Merit Award:** Dow Water & Process Solutions, USA

IDA Directors Mr. Leon Awerbuch and Mr. Nikolay Voutchkov co-chaired the Award Selection Committee, a panel of experts from all facets of the water reuse industry.

The award recipients will be part of the committee for the 2018 IDA Water Reuse and Conservation Awards, which will be conferred at IDA's next international conference on water reuse and recycling.

### **About IDA**

The International Desalination Association ([www.idadesal.org](http://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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