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SPE Announces Honored Service Members and Fellows of the Society and an SPE Distinguished Member

Milwaukee, WI – The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) announced today 9 new SPE Honored Service Members, 11 Fellows-of-the-Society, and one SPE Distinguished Member. The announcement was made at the SPE-ANTEC conference. The annual technical conference is the leading technical forum for cutting-edge technological issues of the plastics industry and takes place May 4-8 at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Honored Service Members

The Honored Service Members have demonstrated long-term, outstanding service to SPE and its objectives. The following 9 candidates were sponsored by the Board of Directors of at least one SPE Section or Division. Only 270 members, counting these inductees, have been elected to this prestigious status since it was established in 1992.

Sandra P. Davis of DuPont
Jamal El-Hibri of Solvay Advanced Polymers
Dr. Lloyd A. Goettler
Dr. Dale A. Grove of Johns Manville
David A. Johnson of Clariant Corporation
Roger C. Kipp of McClarin Plastics Inc.
Ronald F. Price of Global Polymer Solution
Michael P. Thomas
Dr. Donald E. Witenhafer

The Fellows of the Society

The Fellows of the Society have contributed to the field of plastics engineering, science or technology, or in the management of such activities. Nominated by an SPE Division, candidates for Fellow must be Senior Members of the Society for six years. The Fellow Election Committee considers eligible candidates on the basis of a personal history as well as written sponsorships from two SPE members. Only 268 members, counting these inductees, have been elected to this prestigious status since it was established in 1984.

William D. Arendt of Velsicol Chemical
Dr. Ananda M. Chatterjee of Chatterjee Consulting LLC
Dr. David Grewell of Iowa State University
Dr. Avraam I. Isayev of University of Akron
Dr. Sadhan C. Jana of University of Akron
Edward I. Kosior of Nextek pty Ltd

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Dr. Tim A. Osswald of University of Wisconsin
Dr. Duane B. Priddy of Plastic Failure Labs Inc.
Frederick G. Steil
Dr. Lih-Sheng (Tom) Turng of University of Wisconsin – Madison
Mark D. Wetzel of E I DuPont De Nemours

SPE Distinguished Member

Kishor S. Mehta, president of Plascon Associates Inc., is the recipient of the SPE Distinguished Member distinction.

The Distinguished Member grade is the most prestigious offered by SPE. According to the SPE Bylaws, to be elected a Distinguished Member, a candidate must be a member in good standing who has served as President of the Society or who, in the opinion of two-thirds of the Past Presidents voting, provided one-half of the surviving Past Presidents participate in the ballot, is deemed worthy of this status by virtue of outstanding achievement or professional eminence.

On the Society level, Kishor served as a member of the SPE Executive Committee from 1985-1988 where he held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. He served another four years from 1999 to 2003, and held the positions of Vice President and Senior Vice President. Over the years, he chaired several committees, including International, Conference Policy and Planning, Recognitions, Education, Finance, Fellow Elections, Publications and Technical Volumes. For the last four years, he has served as chair of the Constitution & Bylaws (now Bylaws & Policies) Committee, which was charged with the monumental task of rewriting the bylaws and dissolving the constitution after 62 years in existence. The committee is now creating the first-ever policy manual for the Society.

Kishor, who has been an SPE member since 1968, served as chair of the Product Design & Development Division, the chair of the Injection Molding Division, the President of the Rochester Section, and chair of three technical conferences. He is both an SPE Fellow and Honored Service Member, and received the SPE President's Cup in 2004 in recognition of his outstanding and meritorious service to the Society. He received the Product Design & Development Division's Founders Award, the Injection Molding Division Man-of-the-Year Award, and the International Committee Award. On a corporate level, he was the recipient of Xerox Corporation's Outstanding Achievement Award in 1981.

About SPE

The Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc. (SPE) is the premier source of peer-reviewed technical information for plastics professionals. Founded in 1942, SPE takes action every day to help companies in the plastics industry succeed by spreading knowledge, strengthening skills and promoting plastics. Employing these vital strategies, SPE has helped the plastics industry thrive for over 60 years. SPE has become the recognized medium of communication among scientists, engineers and technical personnel engaged in the development, conversion and application of plastics. For more information, please visit www.4spe.org.

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