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NACE INTERNATIONAL CONCLUDES ANNUAL CONFERENCE/EXPO WITH RECORD-SETTING ATTENDANCE AND NEW BRAND IDENTITY

CORROSION/2005, the largest gathering of corrosion professionals in the world, successfully concluded on April 7, in Houston, Texas, with another record year of attendance and an economic impact of more than $7 million in its host city.

Houston, hometown of NACE International Headquarters, welcomed more than 6,000 corrosion professionals from 50 countries to this year’s highly successful annual conference. Held April 3-7 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, this year’s conference offered a program featuring 36 technical symposia and 413 paper presentations covering all aspects of corrosion control.

More than 200 technical and administrative committee meetings where held, providing members an opportunity to discuss current corrosion issues, to work to develop standards, to exchange up-to-date technical information, and to make progress on other key projects representative of NACE strategic planning goals.

Attendees took advantage of cutting-edge research sessions, symposia, education and training courses, panel discussions, and NACExpo/2005, the largest and most comprehensive corrosion technology exposition in the world.

Special events at CORROSION/2005 included a Front Page Issues session on the Johnson Space Center’s Saturn V Rocket assessment and treatment program, the International Corrosion Forum, a NACE Leadership Development session, the Student Poster Session, a Career and Employment Fair, and a First-Timers Member Reception.

In addition, the conference hosted the U.S. Department of Defense’s Corrosion Forum, bringing government officials and NACE members together on new initiatives to prevent and control corrosion in the military.

Coatings activities were also expanded to include tutorials, outdoor demonstrations, and a speech by former coach and sports commentator Mike Ditka on Tuesday evening.

The NACE Foundation, which provided funding for 36 university students to travel to the conference and participate in the Student Poster session, also awarded three academic scholarships to three top students. The Foundation’s successful fundraising events during conference included its third annual golf tournament on Sunday and a silent auction on the exhibit floor.

A highlight of the conference was the Wednesday evening Annual Banquet, where this year’s award winners were honored. The NACE Board of Directors and staff took the opportunity roll out the new NACE logo, designed to reflect the technical expertise, networking capabilities, and information sharing that are inherent in today’s NACE membership. The banquet also saw the NACE Foundation’s announcement of several major new contributors, to be spotlighted in the July issue of Materials Performance Magazine, and the inaugural Founders Award.

“CORROSION/2005 was one of our most notable conferences to-date,” said Interim Executive Director, Helena Alexander. “Plans are well underway to ensure that next year’s conference will once again exceed expectations by providing a valuable networking forum centered around state-of-the-art corrosion control information exchange,” she said. “If your job or career entails dealing with corrosion problems, NACE’s goal is to ensure you can get the answers you need at the technical symposia, networking events, research symposia, or on the exhibit floor at the annual conference.”

The next NACE Annual Conference will be held in San Diego, California, March 12-16, 2006. Interested exhibitors should contact Jennifer O’Reilly at Jennifer.oreilly@nace.org, or call 281/228-6242.
CORROSION/2005 Award Recipients

The following dedicated NACE members and companies were honored at CORROSION/2005 in the following categories for outstanding commitment and service to the Association’s growth and the world’s leader in corrosion control.

Russell A. Brannon Award
The R.A. Brannon Award recognizes a current NACE member whose outstanding service has contributed to the development and improvement of NACE at the Association, committee, or Board level. The 2005 Brannon Award recipient is Louis D. Vincent for his vision and leadership in expanding the reach of NACE Education courses internationally.

A.B. Campbell Award
The A.B. Campbell Award is presented to an author(s) 35 years of age or younger in recognition of the most outstanding manuscript published in CORROSION or Materials Performance during the year. Michelle Koul has been named the 2005 Campbell recipient.

T.J. Hull Award
The T.J. Hull Award is given to honor NACE members who have made outstanding contributions in the field of publications. The 2005 Hull Award recipient is Robert A. Cottis for his early vision and continued dedication in linking corrosion with the World Wide Web and the electronic dissemination of corrosion information, making corrosion information readily available to as many people as possible.

Frank Newman Speller Award
The F.N. Speller Award recognizes significant contributions to corrosion engineering. Recipients of this award have made an international contribution through education or work promoting development or improvement of a method, process, and type of equipment, or material that facilitates control of corrosion or makes the process more economical. The 2005 recipient is Dagmar Knotkova-Cermakova for her leadership in developing a system of classification of atmospheric corrosivity for both indoor and outdoor environments.

Herbert H. Uhlig Award
The H.H. Uhlig Award recognizes individuals who have made national or international contributions leading to a better understanding of corrosion science through education or work. Patrik Schmuki has been selected as the 2005 recipient for his effective lecturing style, high expectations for his students, and his personal encouragement for his students.

Willis Rodney Whitney Award
The W.R. Whitney Award recognizes individuals who have made national or international contributions leading to a better understanding of corrosion science through education or work. Martin Stratmann has been selected as the 2005 recipient for his major contributions in atmospheric corrosion of iron and corrosion under thin water layers, development of the Scanning Kelvin Probe instrument and technique, surface modification for improved corrosion protection paint adhesion, and the production and breakdown of organic coatings on steel.

Distinguished Organization Awards
The NACE Distinguished Organization Award recognizes companies for contributions in the field of corrosion science or engineering over a sustained period or for a major technological contribution to either field. In 2005 three companies have been named to receive this prestigious award:
Champion Technologies
Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
MATCOR, Inc.
NACE Fellow Honor
NACE Fellows are named for their distinguished contributions in the field of corrosion and its prevention, and to develop a broadly based forum through which technical and professional leaders serve as advisers to the Association. The 2005 class of NACE Fellows are:
Bernard S. Covino
Roger Francis
William H. Hartt
Günter Schmitt
Narasi Sridhar
William H. Thomason

Distinguished Service Awards
NACE Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually to NACE members who have performed the duties and responsibilities of any officer assignment, elected or appointed, in an outstanding manner. This outstanding performance can be in any section, region, area, or Association activity. The 2005 recipients of this award are:
Spyros S. Derdemezis
Daniel Efird
Louis C. Johnson
Peter Sly
David Webster

Technical Achievement Awards
NACE Technical Achievement Awards recognize individuals’ technical achievements in corrosion engineering. The achievements must have had significant effects on the practices of corrosion control or have enhanced the corrosion engineering profession. Recognized achievements can be in the areas of research, engineering, or education. The 2005 recipients are:
Susan Borenstein
James Crum
William H. Hartt

Corrosion is a naturally-occurring phenomenon commonly defined as the deterioration of a substance or its properties because of a reaction with its environment. Corrosion costs the U.S. more than $276 billion annually, of which more than 30% could be prevented through the use of optimum corrosion-management practices.

NACE International is a professional technical society dedicated to promoting public safety, protecting the environment and reducing the economic impact of corrosion by advancing the knowledge of corrosion engineering and science. Established in 1943, NACE International has more than 15,000 members worldwide and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences and produces industry standards and reports, publications and software.

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