



## AAWRE Ceremony Held at 2007 EWRI Congress to Recognize New Diplomates



### American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Recognizes Fall '06 and Spring '07 Diplomates

Over 300 environmental and water resources engineering professionals joined together on May 16, 2007 to honor over 50 Diplomate, Water Resources Engineers (D.WREs) of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE). The special ceremony and reception was held as part of the EWRI 2007 World Water and Environmental Resources Congress in Tampa, Florida. The event was hosted by the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE) and the ceremony was held to publicly recognize all new diplomates that achieved the D.WRE credential from fall 2006 thru spring 2007. Special diplomate lapel pins and certificates of special knowledge were awarded to each new diplomate to commemorate their achievement.

AAWRE Director, John J. Segna, P.E., BCEE, QEP, began the ceremony by welcoming all Congress attendees at the ceremony and congratulating the new Diplomates. Segna then introduced EWRI President, Jeanette Brown, P.E., DEE, for additional welcome remarks.

Jeanette Brown welcomed all attendees at the Congress and congratulated the new Diplomat, Water Resources Engineers. Ms. Brown noted and recognized ASCE's new honorary member, Christine Shoemaker for her achievements and then introduced AAWRE President, Jeffrey Bradley, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE to offer his opening remarks and to officially welcome all new Diplomates from fall 2006 and spring 2007.

Mr. Bradley welcomed all attendees of the Congress and began his remarks by recognizing four honorary diplomates of the Academy, Leo Beard, Ph.D., P.E., Hon.D.WRE, Robert Clark, Ph.D., P.E., Hon.D.WRE, Margaret Petersen, Ph.D., Hon.D.WRE, and Warren Viessman, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., Hon.D.WRE. He then welcomed new honorary diplomate, Asit K. Biswas, Ph.D., Hon.D.WRE, for his vast and significant contributions of work and research in the field of water resources engineering and science. The honorary diplomate status is AAWRE's highest honor and the status is only given to those that have made significant contributions to the field of water resources engineering.

Mr. Bradley congratulated the new diplomates for 2006-2007 and made the statement regarding the new diplomates, "These individuals stand out within the water resources community for technical and professional leadership. They represent the best of what water resources engineers can provide in improving the science and research of the profession for the benefit of mankind."

The ceremony concluded with the awarding of certificates of special knowledge and diplomate pins to all new diplomates, which were conducted by Bradley and two Board of Trustees, AAWRE President-Elect, Michael Ports, P.E., P.H., D.WRE, and AAWRE Past-President, Darell Zimbelman, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE.

The evening concluded with a reception for all in attendance, as families, friends, and colleagues of the honored congratulated the new diplomates. AAWRE plans to hold the next certificate ceremony at the 2008 EWRI Congress in Hawaii, as the ceremony is growing to be an annual event at the Congress.

*The Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE) credential program is ASCE's first voluntary, post-licensure, advanced level, specialty certification program. Since the start of the AAWRE Diplomat program in October 2004, nearly 300 professional engineers have achieved the Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE) credential. For more information on the AAWRE diplomate credential, please visit [www.aawre.org](http://www.aawre.org).*

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