



## **American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Recognizes Fall '05 and Spring '06 Diplomates**

### **May 22, 2006 – Omaha, Nebraska**

Over 800 environmental and water resources engineering professionals joined together on May 22, 2006 to recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> year group of 79 Diplomate, Water Resources Engineers (D.WRE). A special diplomate reception was held as part of the EWRI 2006 World Water and Environmental Resources Congress in Omaha, Nebraska. The diplomate reception was hosted by the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE).

The Academy is ASCE's first voluntary, post-licensure, advanced-level, specialty certification program. AAWRE operations began in October 2004 and the inaugural group of diplomates was approved by the AAWRE Board of Trustees in March 2005. The new 79 diplomates represent a wide cross-section of water resources engineering experts in academia, public service, and private practice. Diplomate, Water Resources Engineers must demonstrate attainment of the Water Resources Body of Knowledge (WRBOK). Fulfillment is demonstrated through:

- Professional Licensure
- BS + MS or PhD or 30 advanced course credits in water resources engineering
- 10 years professional experience
- 3 professional references
- Professional ethics via attesting to ASCE Code of Ethics.

In addition, all diplomates commit to obtaining 30 professional development hours annually in order to maintain their certification.

AAWRE Executive Director, Walter T. Marlowe, P.E., CAE, opened the reception by welcoming all water resources professionals attending the Congress and congratulating the new diplomates. Director Marlowe then introduced CEC President and Congress Chairman, Dale Jacobson, P.E., DEE, for additional welcome comments.

Dale Jacobson welcomed all attendees at the Congress and congratulated the new Diplomate, Water Resources Engineers. CEC President Jacobson introduced AAWRE President, Jeffrey B. Bradley, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE to offer his opening remarks and to officially welcome all new diplomates from fall '05 and spring '06.

Two of the diplomates received AAWRE's highest honor by being named Honorary Diplomate, Water Resources Engineers (Hon.D.WRE). AAWRE President Bradley welcomed the honorary diplomates, Herman Bouwer, Ph.D., Hon.D.WRE, and Shaw L. Yu, Ph.D., P.E., Hon.D.WRE.

The evening concluded with a ceremony of diplomate pins and certificates of special knowledge awarded to all new diplomates, which were conducted by Marlowe 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 next round of applications for the Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer credential is due by August 24, 2006. Interested individuals must complete an online application. The application and additional information on the AAWRE can be found at [www.aawre.org](http://www.aawre.org).