



ASTECH AWARDS 2008

2008 ASTech winners

(Edmonton, October 24/08) The Alberta Science and Technology (ASTech) Leadership Foundation is proud to announce the winners of the 2008 awards.

“The winners of these awards represent the depth of excellence in Alberta’s science and technology fields,” said Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, Doug Horner. “They are driving innovation in environmental stewardship, the health of individual Albertans, information technology, and our food supply. They are helping to harness and utilize our natural resources in more efficient and sustainable ways. Their advancements help improve the lives of all Albertans and Canadians.”

“The ASTech Board congratulates the following winners and all the outstanding nominees received this year,” said Ed Knash, Chair of the volunteer board of directors for ASTech. “We’re looking forward to 2009 and the plans to salute Alberta science and technology excellence at our 20th anniversary gala on November 6, 2009.”

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC AWARENESS

Dr. Phil Langill, Director, the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory

AVAC/ICORE/ASTECH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Dr. H. James Hoover, Professor, Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta, and **Antony G. Olekshy**, University of Alberta and Avra Software Lab Inc.

DOW AGROSCIENCES/ASTECH INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Dr. Ronald Howard, Plant Pathologist, Pest Management Branch, Agriculture Research Division, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development

SYNCRUDE/ASTECH INNOVATION IN OIL SANDS RESEARCH

Dr. Hong Zhang, Professor, Computing Science, Faculty of Science, University of Alberta; Syncrude/iCORE/Matrikon/NSERC Industrial Research Chair

SHELL/ASTECH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Dr. Patrick Hettiaratchi, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Schulich School of Engineering, University of Calgary

SAIT POLYTECHNIC/ASTECH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Geoff Gosling, VP, Product Development, DIRTT Environmental Solutions

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ALBERTA SCIENCE

Dr. Tristram Chivers, Faculty Professor and Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry, University of Calgary

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ALBERTA TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Jacob H. Masliyah, Professor Emeritus, Chemical and Materials Engineering, University of Alberta

OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ALBERTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (GROSS SALES GREATER THAN \$25M PER YEAR)

Hemisphere GPS Inc., Steven Koles, President, CEO

ASTECH SOCIETAL IMPACT

Madentec Limited, Randy Marsden, President and CEO

LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Travis Murdoch, MSc Candidate, Integrated Immunology, Oxford University; Medical Student, University of Alberta

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALBERTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY

Dr. Howard E. Tennant, President and Professor Emeritus, University of Lethbridge

2008 ASTECH FOUNDATION SPECIAL AWARD

Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM).

Dr. John Wolfaardt, Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta;
Director, iRSM

Dr. Gordon Wilkes, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, iRSM

Detailed bios of all the winners are available at www.astech.ab.ca

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