

ALBERTA'S BRIGHTEST INNOVATORS FOR 2009

Calgary, November 7th 2009. Alberta's most successful scientists and innovators were awarded Friday night at the 20th Anniversary ASTech Gala.

Pushing medical frontiers, implementing ingenious environmental solutions, tackling tough engineering challenges in the oil and gas industry; ASTech award winners are internationally recognized leaders in the fields of science and technology.

ASTech, the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Foundation, is proud of the opportunity to reward these significant contributions.

"The research and developments of ASTech award winners is critical, and their work is done right here in Alberta. Their advancements position our province at the forefront of scientific and technological innovation, improving the lives not only of Albertans, but people across the globe.

This year's ASTech winners are:

Excellence in Science and Technology Public Awareness
Discover E Engineering and Science Camps

Innovation in Agricultural Sciences
Dr. Michael E. Stiles and Dr. Lynn M. McMullen

Innovation in Oil Sands Research
COANDA Research & Development Corporation

Leaders of Tomorrow
Dr. Shaheed Merani

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Technology and Innovation
Embedia Technologies

Outstanding Achievement in Information and Communications Technology Innovation
SMART Technologies ULC

Outstanding Commercial Achievement in Alberta Science and Technology (less than 25M)
Gushor Inc.

*Outstanding Commercial Achievement in Alberta Science and Technology
(greater than 25M)*
Computer Modeling Group Ltd.

*Outstanding Contribution to the Alberta Science and Technology
Community*
Dr. M. Elizabeth Cannon

Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science
Dr. Ian Whishaw

Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Technology
Dr. Linda Pilarski

*SAIT Polytechnic Outstanding Achievement in Applied Technology and
Innovation*
Airdar Inc.

Societal Impact Award
Mustard Seed Street Ministry

Alberta Science Fair Features Student
Gary Kurek

ASTech stands for the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Foundation, whose goal is to celebrate and raise public awareness of the world-class work being done by Albertans in science and technology. ASTech was created 20 years ago, by Albertans representing industry and government.

Award nominees' work is judged by an independent panel of nine members, representing a cross-section of industry, academia and research. Since its creation 20 years ago, ASTech awards have been presented to 215 individuals, teams and organizations. Winners receive the ASTech sculpture and some receive \$10,000, depending on their award category. ASTech is funded and governed primarily by the Patron Members and Sponsors.

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

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