

1995 FOUNDERS AWARD

Citation

John E. Moore

John E. Moore is manifestly worthy of receiving the American Institute of Hydrology's Founders Award. I first met John at one of the earliest AIH meetings in Washington DC, which he largely organized, where he filled in for the president, and where our organization got off to a good start. John has been very active in AIH since that 1982 meeting. He has served in numerous capacities, including Vice President for Institute Development, President, and chairman of the Publication committee. He has edited several of our proceedings volumes. He has been an active recruiter for AIH. Anyone who has been associated with AIH and our striving to promote professional recognition for hydrology knows of John and his boundless energy and enthusiasm. We had one annual meeting at a hotel in Disney World where John hosted several diners at which my then four-year old daughter was in attendance. She described him as the "president of the hotel." Truly there is little need to introduce John Moore to this audience or AIH in general. I can attest personally to John's importance to our profession and AIH because I have observed that while there are many of our colleagues who will criticize and offer suggestions, there are few who actually get in there and do something. John is a doer. To paraphrase Teddy Roosevelt, "he wasn't afraid to enter the arena and suffer the blood and sweat of competition." I and many others have learned a lot from John.

John Moore received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, all in the sciences of geology. He served in the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological survey from 1960 to 1989 in Colorado, Florida, and Washington, DC. Since 1989 he has been a private consultant. John Moore has received numerous other awards, including the U.S. Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award. He is also an active participant in the International Association of Hydrogeologists (he is currently President of that organization), the Geological Society of America, the American geophysical Union, and the Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers. John has authored numerous reports and books. He has contributed to our profession through dissemination of scientific information. John has also held a number of offices in the Boy Scouts of America. John and his wife, Dickie, live in Denver and have two children. Dickie has also been present at many of our functions and has been, on occasions, our unofficial hostess.

The Founders Award of the American Institute of Hydrology could not be presented to anyone more deserving than John E. Moore. Our organization needs many more like him.

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Acceptance Speech

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am most pleased and honored to be selected for the 1995 Founders Award.

I have had a most pleasant association with AIH for 13 years. It was a great pleasure for me to serve as president, vice president, and chairman of the publication committee. My association with AIH started with a telephone call in 1982 from Alex Zaporozec. I first met Alex at an International Association of Hydrogeologists meetings in Prague. He said that he, Sandor Csallany, and Roman Kanivetsky were founding an organization to strengthen the standing of hydrology as a science and a profession. He asked me to join the organization and take the position of Vice President for Institute Development.

I would like to comment on some of the factors that have made AIH a success and some programs that should be pursued in the future. The Institute has withstood the test of time because it has maintained high standards. The Institute from the beginning made a conscientious effort to ensure that only individuals with creditable education and experience received certification. This effort has resulted in a high rejection rate (40%) and it still does.

Early in its history, the Institute recognized the importance of technical meetings. They have been well attended and have provided high quality papers. The international meetings in Leningrad and Washington were very successful technically and fostered cooperation with the states of the former Soviet Union. The meetings have benefitted from the establishment of the Theis and Linsley Awards which are presented at the annual meetings. Short courses were added later and proved to be quite popular.

The AIH publication program has proved of great value and the program included meeting proceedings, the Bulletin (newsletter), AIH journal of Hydrological Science and Technology, and special publication (Hydrologic Guides).

There has been strong international interest in the Institute. AIH has members in more than 35 countries and 6 Canadian Provinces. Meetings of the European Chapter of AIH were held in Prague (1991) and Berlin (1993).

The Institute has been active in working with the states that propose to register hydrologists and with the Association of State Boards of Registrations of Geologists (ASBOG). For example, the legislation in California and South Carolina to register hydrogeologists is based, in part, on the certification requirements of the Institute.

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AIH has been working closely with other professional organizations. For example, the Institute became a member of the American Geological Institute in 1991. We have obtained sponsorship of AWRA, IAH, the Geological Society of America, and other organizations for our meetings.

If the Institute continues the following activities the future should be bright. Some activities that should be emphasized are:

1. Maintain AIH standards for certification.
2. Work cooperatively with other organizations.
3. Increase membership in the Institute by 10% each year.
4. Improve educational opportunities by offering short courses and workshops.
5. Develop strong student membership.
6. Provide assistance and encouragement for the development of strong state and foreign sections.
7. Develop management strategies to improve the economic status of the Institute.
8. Recruit more volunteers to carry on the work of the Institute.

In conclusion, I should like to give thanks to some of the volunteers that have helped me: Jim LaMoreaux, Luther Hyde, Bob Aldwell, Earl Skinner, Bruce Foxworthy, Jim Mercer, Tim Varney, Jack Sharp, Henk Haitjema, Chet Zenone, Doug James, and Bill Hotchkiss.

The Founders Award was established by the American Institute of Hydrology in 1990 to honor the three founders of AIH for their initiative and vision in forming the Institute. The Award will be given to an AIH member for outstanding, long and dedicated service to the Institute. The 1994 and 1995 Founders Award was presented at the 14th Anniversary Meeting of the American Institute of Hydrology in Denver on May 15, 1995.