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Water Environment Federation Selects 2019 WEF Fellows For Contributions to Water Profession

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces 15 distinguished members as the 2019 WEF Fellows recipients. This prestigious designation recognizes members' achievements, stature, and contributions in the water profession.

"These outstanding individuals have made a profound impact on the global water environment, and we are proud to recognize and honor their efforts," said WEF Executive Director Eileen O'Neill. "The accomplishments of the 2019 WEF Fellows are a testament to the remarkable dedication and passion of our members."

The WEF Fellows Recognition Program underscores WEF's role as a valuable water quality resource, which is due in large part to the expertise of its diverse membership. WEF Fellows are recognized in various areas of expertise including, but not limited to design, education, operations, regulation, research, utility management and leadership.

2019 WEF Fellows

- Bradley Fix, Indiana Water Environment Association
- Adel Hagekhalil, California Water Environment Association
- Jerome Ittis, Water Environment Association of Texas
- Dr. Jose Jimenez, Florida Water Environment Association
- Dr. Chih-Ming (Jimmy) Kao, Taiwan Environmental Engineering Association
- Dr. Eakalak Khan, Nevada Water Environment Association
- Dr. Richard Kuchenrither, Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association
- Garry Macdonald, Water New Zealand
- Dr. Johannes (JB) Neethling, California Water Environment Association
- Daniel F. Riney, Iowa Water Environment Association and Kansas Water Environment Association
- Dr. Leonard Ripley, Water Environment Association of Texas
- Kenneth Schnaars, Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky & Tennessee
- Dr. Robert Sharp, New York Water Environment Association
- Patrick Stevens, Indiana Water Environment Association
- Dr. Berrin Tansel, Florida Water Environment Association

Additionally, Joe Stowe Jr. has been selected as an honorary WEF Fellow for his eminence and contributions to the water profession as a leader in utility management and leadership. A WEF Life Member, Stowe has spent more than 50 years working in the water sector and led Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Utilities (now Charlotte Water) for 12 years. Now retired, Stowe's legacy of leadership and empowerment of people exemplifies the kind of achievements and values that the WEF Fellows program is designed to recognize.

Stowe and the 2019 WEF Fellows will be recognized during WEFTEC® 2019, WEF's 92nd annual technical exhibition and conference, September 21-25 in Chicago.

For more information, visit <http://www.wef.org/wefellowsprogram/>.

About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 35,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.

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