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ABET Names Five New Fellows

Baltimore, MD — ABET, Inc., the recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology, has named five recipients of the Fellow of ABET Award for 2008:

- **Mario J. Gonzalez, Ph.D., P.E.**, Southwestern Bell Foundation Endowed Professor Emeritus in Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, was recognized “for his long-term diplomacy as an advocate for ABET in the international accreditation community, and in the recruitment and retention of groups underrepresented in engineering education.”
- **Daniel B. Hodge, Ph.D., P.E.**, who recently retired as ABET’s Associate Executive Director for Accreditation, was recognized “for his commitment to quality improvement in all aspects of ABET accreditation and for his leadership in development of an integrated and unified approach across all commissions.”
- **Robert M. Laurenson, Ph.D., P.E.**, a retired General Manager of Boeing’s Engineering Service Division, was recognized “for his long term contributions to continuous improvement of ABET processes and procedures through the Engineering Accreditation Commission and the implementation of the Partnership to Advance Volunteer Excellence (PAVE).”
- **Carl J. McHargue, D.Eng.**, Director of the Center for Materials Processing and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, was recognized “for outstanding service to ABET as the Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society representative, for excellent leadership and guidance during the transition to Engineering Criteria 2000, and for stellar work on the International Activities Committee in serving the international engineering community.”
- **Mark A. Pagano, Ph.D.**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology and Dean of Continuing Education and Conferences at Purdue University, was recognized “for outstanding contributions within the Technology Accreditation Commission and, through the Technological Education Initiative, to the broader technology community.”

The 2008 Fellow Awards were presented to the recipients at *Charting Tomorrow*, the 2008 ABET Annual Meeting, held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 30-31. The ABET Fellow Award is presented annually to recognize those individuals who have given sustained quality service to the ABET-related professions, in general, and to education within the ABET disciplines, in particular, through the activities of ABET.

A complete list of individuals who have been named a Fellow of ABET is available at the following website:
<http://www.abet.org/fellows.shtml>.

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