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ABET Installs Joseph L. Sussman, Ph.D., as 2008-2009 President

Baltimore, MD — ABET, Inc., the recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology, installed **Joseph L. Sussman, Ph.D.**, as its 2008-2009 President during the semiannual meeting of its Board of Directors, held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sussman has been involved in ABET activities for many years. He served as a program evaluator from ASME and then as a member of the Engineering Accreditation Commission, later chairing the commission for the 1999-2000 accreditation cycle. He was a representative director from ASME on the ABET Board of Directors from 2003 to 2007, when he moved into the position of ABET President-Elect. Sussman was inducted as a Fellow of ABET in 2002, indicating that he has given sustained quality service to the ABET-related professions, in general, and to education in the ABET disciplines, in particular, through the activities of ABET.

Presently, Sussman is a Specialist Leader for Deloitte Consulting, LLP. He works with the health care and life sciences industries, particularly in the area of enterprise applications. Prior to joining Deloitte, Sussman had worked for the Bayer Corporation and predecessor companies since 1982. Immediately prior to his retirement from Bayer, Sussman had served as a Vice President of Core Business Systems for the corporation's North America Information Technology organization, leading an IT service unit that successfully supported Bayer's North American applications development, maintenance, and support. His areas of responsibility included the full complement of SAP, Siebel, and legacy system functionality. In addition, he was responsible for an SAP-certified Customer Competence Center.

Sussman earned his baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in New York City. He has also earned a certificate in Advanced Management Studies from Pace University.

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