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Ohio University professor awarded for environmental studies

ATHENS, Ohio (March 5, 2007) -- Ohio University Professor of Chemical Engineering Srdjan Nestic has been honored with an international award for his commitment, teaching and expertise in the field of corrosion.

The H.H. Uhlig Award is an esteemed prize presented by NACE International, the world largest professional society dedicated to corrosion prevention, with more than 15,000 members in 92 countries. The award is granted annually to a young, post-secondary corrosion educator who innovatively teaches and stimulates students.

"It is great honor for me as this is one of the most prestigious awards in our profession. Even more so because it is coming from my colleagues in the industry," Nestic said. "I am also very happy for my many graduate students as this is award is for them as much as it is for me."

Nestic received the honor based on his dedication to corrosion research and a continued commitment to corrosion education, especially in carbon dioxide corrosion mechanisms and modeling, particularly important in for the oil and gas industry.

"I was always convinced that solid basic research applied to important real-life problems in combination with direct industrial involvement in managing the projects is a recipe for success for us as an institution and for our students," Nestic said. "This award reaffirms that."

Nestic currently leads Ohio University's Institute for Corrosion and Multiphase Technology, the largest facility of its kind worldwide. Under his direction, the institute works with oil companies to help manage the corrosion of pipelines that carry crude oil to the refineries, often across hundreds of miles of land and ocean floor.

"I think the award offers us visibility which we did not have until now. Indeed everyone in the field of oil and gas corrosion knew about us already but now we are talking the whole corrosion community," Nestic said. "I think that this will have many positive consequences for our department in the years to come, it will help us attract more highly qualified students and more internal funding."

Internal corrosion has become a major problem in oil wells and pipelines, as much of the oil and gas emerge with water, sand and other impurities such as carbon dioxide and acetic acid. When mixed with water, those impurities can cause catastrophic failure in oil pipelines.

In addition to his current position, Nestic has held a number of other academic posts in the past, including Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia and Visiting Professor in the



Srdjan Nestic

Department of Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry, University of Milan, Italy.

Since beginning his career, he has published 50 papers in peer-reviewed international journals, presented more than 100 conference papers and published more than 50 industrial reports.

Nesic will receive his award on March 14 at CORROSION/2007, NACE International's annual conference.

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