

Andy Choi SLP Recognition Award

Until recently, SLP had only one way to recognise members and others who had contributed significantly to the aims and work of the society. This recognition is in the form of the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the Society. Since the Honorary Fellowship is a singular honour, SLP's Executive Committee has kept the Honorary Fellowship quite exclusive. This is as it should be.



Well done Andy

However, in a review of the recognition of SLP members, the Executive Committee decided that it was appropriate to provide a more general scheme to recognise significant contributions from members. The guidelines for this recognition are:

- (1) Any SLP member who is deemed by the Executive Committee to have significantly contributed to the success of the Society may be officially recognised.
- (2) Significant contributions include but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) Played a major and leading role in establishing the Society;
 - (b) Held office (i.e. President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer) for at least 5 years in total
 - (c) Led any subcommittees (e.g. Social, Technical, etc.) of the Executive Committee of the Society for at least 5 years in total
 - (d) Led any projects or initiatives to promote the objectives of the Society with official recognition from local regulatory agencies and international safety, health, environment and loss prevention institutions

Since this is an important event for the member concerned and SLP, we would choose a high visibility occasion to make the presentation. Thus, it was that the first such award was made on June 22 at our Annual General Meeting.

Andy Choi, a founder member and significant contributor to the SLP in its early years and long after, became the first winner of the award.

In presenting the award, Richard Gillis, our President, said that Andy amply met the criteria. He added that Andy was part of the pro tem committee that preceded the formation of the Society and served the pro tem committee as Treasurer. Andy was on SLP's Executive Committee as Vice President (3 years), Treasurer (one year), Assistant Treasurer (one year), and Executive Member (6 years) over a period of 12 years. Andy also served as an Honorary Auditor twice when not on the Executive Committee. He was on the organizing committees for our major international conferences. As all of us know, Andy was the leader for organising social events such as the Members' Night for many years.

He graduated as a Chemical Engineer. He was Engineering Director at GSK for many years before retiring and joining Wyeth where he also served as Engineering Director. Andy has now retired from Wyeth.



Wise words from Andy - - come forward and serve!



Congratulations Andy - - you've set a high benchmark

In his acceptance speech, Andy thanked the Executive Committee for choosing him as the first recipient of the award and doing him such a great honour. He told the members present that he had gained much benefit as a member of SLP and from serving on its Exco. and other sub-committees.

He would do it all again. He urged younger members to come forward and serve. SLP offered many opportunities for members to hone their leadership skills, to network with fellow professionals and to keep upto to date with technical developments.

Andy, thanks for your support and congratulations for winning the award.

By Richard Gillis