

August 10, 2016

Dear ES-AAPG Member,

We are now six just weeks out from our **45th Annual Meeting to be held September 25-27, 2016, in Lexington, Kentucky!** If you have not yet done so, <u>please register today</u> for this can't-miss event. Over 100 submitted abstracts will be presented in 8 Oral and 8 Poster Sessions, covering all aspects of Eastern Section Geology. Plus, there are field trips and short courses on both ends of the meeting.



Beginning **Sunday, September 25, 2016** there will be **Opening Session and Awards Ceremonies**. We want to thanks Honors and Awards Committee Chair Joan Crockett along with her committee consisting of Ed Rothman and Murray Matson for the outstanding job they have done in assembling this year's list of awardees. Special thanks also goes out to all of the 2015 Indy judges, and especially Lee Avary, for their hard work in selecting the Presentation awards from the 2015 Annual Meeting in Indy.

Below are the awardees for 2016 to be presented at the Honors and Awards Ceremony following the Opening Session at 3 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2016. I hope all of you will be able to attend this important part of our meeting so that you may be part of the excitement!

I want to especially congratulate Michael Canich, this year's recipient of the prestigious John T. Galey Award. This Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Section, is intended to recognize distinguished geoscientists whose outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our profession and its application have been directed toward the betterment of society - the select genre of geoscientists epitomized by John T. Galey.

The Galey Award consists of both a medal and a unique, mounted geological specimen. As recipient of the Award, Mike is further honored by presenting the John T. Galey memorial Address to the opening session of our Annual Meeting.

Eastern Section AAPG 2016 Honor and Awards Recipients

- John T. Galey Award, Michael R. Canich
- Distinguished Service Award, Craig A. Eckert
- Gordon H. Wood Award, Robert A. Trevail
- George V. Cohee Award, Edith C. Allison
- Division of Environmental Geosciences, Dr. Donald I. Siegel
- Outstanding Educator, Dr. Elizabeth Gierlowski-Kordesch
- Outstanding Educator: Dr. Donald W. Neal
- Presidential Award, Cabot Oil and Gas, Albert "Buddy" Wylie
- Honorary Membership, Thomas H. Partin
- Honorary Membership, Robert D. Jacobi
- Certificates of Merit: David C. Harris, J. Richard Bowersox, Geaunita Caylor, Brandon C. Nuttall, John B. Hickman, Donald K. Lumm, Patrick J. Gooding, Dan Wells, Thomas W. Cate, Michael P. Sanders, Gil Cumbee, Stephen F. Greb, Thomas M Parris, Elizabeth L. Adams, Michael J. Lynch, Carrie Pulliam, Thomas N. Sparks, Rebecca Wang, Steven M. Ferris, Ralph Bandy, Patrick Cullen, Richard A. Smath, Meg Smath, Jeanne H. Harris, Michael M. McGlue

Eastern Section AAPG 2016 Presentation Awards from 2015 Annual Meeting

- A.I. Levorsen Memorial Best Paper Award: Thomas M. Parris
- Margaret Hawn Mirabile Memorial Best Student Paper Award: Matthew Rine
- Vincent E. Nelson Memorial Best Poster Award: Diar Ibrahim, Michael C. Pope, Brent V. Miller, Brian J. Witzke, and William C. McClelland
- Ralph L. Miller Memorial Best Energy Minerals Division Paper Award (Eastern Section): Christopher Laughrey and Thomas Darrah
- Energy Minerals Division Best Poster Award (Eastern Section): William A. Rouse
- Division of Environmental Sciences Best Paper Award (Eastern Section): Erica Howat, Amber Conner, Srikanta Mishra
- Division of Environmental Sciences Best Poster Award (Eastern Section): Autumn Haagsma, Srikanta Mishra and Ola Babarinde
- Best Student Poster Award: Qian Zhang
- Pittsburgh Geological Society Award for Best Presentation on Appalachian Geology: Christopher Laughrey and Thomas Darrah

Please join me in congratulating all of our 2016 Awardees, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Lexington Kentucky in September!

Sincerest regards,

Craig A. Eckert ES-AAPG President