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## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED AT ISEE'S RECORD BREAKING 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

CLEVELAND, OHIO – ISEE's 2007 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Alday B. Andrews at the recent *33rd Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique*. This award is the highest level of recognition in the explosives industry and is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership within and made a significant contribution to or impact on the explosives industry.

Dr. Andrews was a research physicist in 1957 and was engaged in the development of explosives and explosives devices for seismic exploration and explosive echo ranging for submarine detection. He also worked on noise and vibration problems associated with explosives use. Since 1972, he has been a technical specialist with the Explosives Products Division at DuPont Company.

He holds a PhD in geophysics from Pennsylvania State University and is a member of the Blaster's Advisory Committee for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although Dr. Andrews is retired, he is remembered for his contributions in the explosives industry.

The Blaster's Leadership Award was presented at the Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet to Victor Sterner. Corry Goumans, Phyllis Renz, and Richard Mainiero were each recipient's of the President's Award.

A record breaking attendance of more than 1,800 blasters, manufacturers, government officials, and suppliers gathered from all over the world to conduct business, exchange information, and form new business alliances at ISEE's 33rd Annual Conference, held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee, January 28 – 31, 2007.

The highlight of the popular Blasters Weekend Package was Saturday's Blasters Training Seminar and Sunday's Blasters R Us Video Roundup. Attendees filled the sold out exhibit hall during Sunday's Welcome Reception. Technical sessions kicked off on Monday with keynote speaker Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director of ATF. Over seventy papers on topics ranging from blasting, safety, vibration, regulations, and productivity were presented. The International events brought guests together from all over the world. The Public Relations Workshop provided strategies for successful interactions with the general public.

ISEE will sponsor the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, from January 27 – 30, 2008. The Call for Papers announcement can be viewed online at [www.isee.org](http://www.isee.org) and ISEE is accepting abstracts for presentation at the Conference and publication in the Proceedings.

The International Society of Explosives Engineers has grown to represent more than 4,500 members from more than 90 countries. The Society extends a welcome to anyone wishing to participate in the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. For more information, or to inquire about membership in the Society, call, fax or write:

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