

## Special Awards at IDS2008

Aside from the usual Major Awards traditionally given at each IDS, since 1986, at IDS2008 there were a number of special awards and certificates presented in recognition of the extraordinary contributions of various individuals to the sustained development and promotion of Drying R&D and to the establishment of drying as a viable and challenging multi-disciplinary area worthy of serious R&D by academia and industry alike. The following awardees were selected by a committee in consultation with numerous senior professionals active in drying R&D and who are familiar with global drying R&D activities over a very long period. They were awarded the special Lifetime Achievement Award Certificate to recognize and honor their extensive and sustained contribution to fundamental and/or applied aspects of drying. All the awardees selected are internationally recognized. They have contributed to the development of drying technologies and research typically over periods of three decades or longer. They have also helped mentor successful drying researchers who continue to contribute to the field and promote further R&D in their geographical region.

The distinguished recipients of The Lifetime Achievement Award are:

Professor E. U. Schlunder, Germany

Professor C. Strumillo, Poland

Dr. C. W. Hall, USA

Prof. G. Saravacos, Greece

Professor R. Keey, New Zealand

Professor O.E. Potter, Australia

Professor W.J. M. Douglas, Canada

Professor C. W. Cao, China

Professor M. Hasatani, Japan

Professor Michel Roques, France

Professor Y-K. Pan, China

Dr. T. Kudra, Canada

Our hearty congratulations to all the awardees! We gratefully appreciate the significant research they accomplished in the early years of drying R&D which led to a solid foundation on which current activities are built. We believe that their early work helped IDS as well as Drying Technology journal succeed to their current levels.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate Professor Michel Roques, who was presented with the second Arun S. Mujumdar Medal for outstanding achievements and for exceptional mentoring of a generation of young researchers who are contributing to drying R&D in various parts of the world. Professor C. Strumillo of Poland is the first recipient of this medal instituted in 2007.

B.N. Thorat, India, Chairman, IDS2008

Arun S. Mujumdar, Singapore

G.S. V. Raghavan, Canada