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David M. Abbott, Jr.
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Denver, Colorado
*For his continuing service
and dedication to AIPG and
its ethics program.*



Robert A. Stewart
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*For his skill at guiding the
TPG through controversy
and for his long term
dedicated service to AIPG,
young professionals, and
students.*

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Recipient of the 2011 AIH Founders Award

Mustafa M. Aral
*For his dedicated leadership and
continued value to the Institute.*

Mustafa has been a loyal member of AIH for 30 years and we have only begun to see the contributions he plans to make within our changing organization. He is also being recognized for his service as an Executive Committee member having served as the Vice President for International Affairs from 2005 until present.

Recognizing Mustafa for the AIH Founders Award comes with the full knowledge that the high level of contribution he has demonstrated throughout his career has been applied to the leadership of this Institute. The Founders Award, established by the AIH in 1990, is to honor the three founders of the organization, Sandor C. Csallany, Roman Kanivetsky, and Alexander Zaporozec, for their initiative and vision in forming the Institute. The award is given periodically at the discretion of the Executive Committee to an AIH member for outstanding and dedicated leadership within the Institute. And, it has been awarded only 14 times since it was established.

AIPG's Honors and Awards Program

The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) has a history of effective and outstanding service to the profession of geology. From its beginning in 1963, the Institute has emphasized the role that professional geologists play in this fascinating, changing, and highly complex world in which we live.

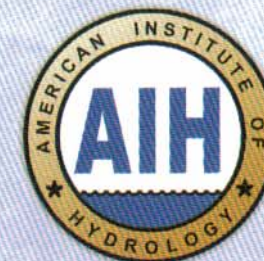
In an Institute such as this, there are so many highly motivated geologists contributing to the profession, the Institute, the public, and the nations in which we live and work that the identification of a select few for particular awards is a monumental task. The continued success of the Honors and Awards Program is dependent on an accessible nominating process and a diligent screening of those nominated. This is done by the Honors and Awards Committee.

Descriptions of the awards, past recipients, and the nomination form can be found on the AIPG National website at www.aipg.org or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office at:

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AIPG-AIH 2011 National Conference

Honors & Awards



Hilton Chicago/Indian
Lakes Resort

September 13, 2011

James A. Jacobs, CPG 7760



2011 Recipient of the
Award of

**AIPG Honorary
Membership**

Jim's foundation in geology started in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he would repeatedly visit the dinosaur bones and rock collections at the local Carnegie Science Museum. He always enjoyed science and rock collecting and he entered regional science fairs in high school, winning very modest awards. He attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a bachelors degree in geology and English. During the school breaks, he was employed at the U.S. Bureau of Mines Coal Research Station in Bruceton, Pennsylvania where he worked under many generous professional geologists. At the Bureau, he learned that the thick Pennsylvanian coal seams, hundreds of feet beneath his bedroom, had been mined out decades before. He went to the University of Texas at Austin for a master's degree in geology. After about a decade in the oil industry, exploring on the North Slope of Alaska and in California, he joined the environmental industry. For the past two decades he has run an environmental consulting and contracting firm in Northern California with his very patient wife, Olivia.

He has given papers and numerous workshops on in-situ remediation methods and laboratory bench testing. He wrote hundreds of technical abstracts, articles and co-authored two environmental science books on MTBE and Cr(VI). He is working on two more book projects currently. He teaches a class at the University of California, Berkeley Extension Program on Sustainable Practices and Green Remediation Methods. He is a Fulbright scholar, winning four teaching awards: two in Jamaica, one in Israel and he recently was awarded a final grant for India, starting January 2012.

Professionally, he has served as president or vice president of the AIPG California Section for more than fifteen years. He served for about five years on the AIPG National Screening Committee, and was on the AIPG Advisory Board. He encourages others to participate in AIPG activities, noting that volunteering for the profession is a team sport. He started the UC Davis Geology AIPG Student Section and is the AIPG Sponsor.

He also serves as a director or advisor on several other professional associations. For the past decade, he has served as a publically elected official on a community services district and a local sewer agency board. He still plays jazz guitar with a sax player and female vocalist at local clubs and venues, gives earth science cruise lectures in exotic locations with friends and family, and turns wood with his son on weekends.

Barbara H. Murphy, CPG 6203



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**Martin Van
Covering
Memorial Award**

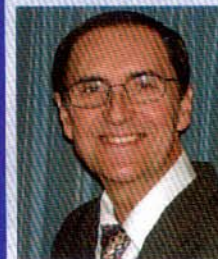
Barbara's interest in geology began with an earth science class in 9th grade at Friends School in Wilmington, Delaware. Barbara went to Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and also took geology classes at Amherst College, Hampshire College, and U. of Massachusetts. She enjoyed field camp in Canon City, Colorado in the summer following her sophomore year. Then she spent the following summer working as a field and research assistant on the Nain Anorthosite Project in Labrador, Canada.

After graduating from college in 1975, she spent part of the summer traveling around the western US before working as a research assistant with John Reid from Hampshire College, at Los Alamos labs in New Mexico. From there, she moved to Phoenix and worked at the Bureau of Land Management. When that assignment ended, she went to work at a large consulting firm, Dames & Moore. Barbara was fortunate to work on a broad variety of projects ranging from coal resource evaluations in New Mexico, to major dam siting/design and flood control projects in central Arizona, to highway projects, transmission lines, landfills, mining projects, military projects, resource management plans, and major Superfund and other remediation projects. Barbara is a registered geologist in Arizona. Barbara worked at Dames & Moore until 1999 when she had the opportunity to work at a newly-formed consulting firm, Clear Creek Associates, founded by Doug Bartlett and Marvin Gloffelty.

While at Dames & Moore, Barb became involved with AIPG and received her CPG in 1984. Then she began volunteering with the AIPG Arizona Section and eventually at the national level. She has served the Arizona Section as President, Vice President, Secretary and field trip coordinator. At the National level, Barb has served several times on the Advisory Board, as Vice President and President-Elect, on the CPG Screening Committee, as chairperson of the 2008 annual meeting, as the AIPG representative on the AGI Congressional Hazards Caucus, and has been an active member on several specially-tasked committees.

In her spare time Barbara enjoys travel, hiking, photography and camping. Barbara and her husband, Casey, have two daughters, Erin and Kelly. They love the out of doors and they have had many wonderful times traveling across the US and to foreign countries. Barbara feels fortunate to be associated with many wonderful people, professionally, through volunteer organizations, and to have had so many opportunities through AIPG.

Robert G. Font, CPG 3953



2011 Recipient of the
Award of AIPG

**Ben H. Parker
Memorial Medal**

Robert Font was born in La Habana (Havana), Cuba, May 5, 1946. Family roots hail from the Toulouse area of France and the Cataluña area of Spain (around the Pyrenees). As a young teenager, Font attended Loyola Military Academy. He achieved the ranks of cadet lieutenant and cadet captain and became the school's valedictorian in 1960. He immigrated to the USA in 1961, escaping the communist dictatorship in Cuba, and becoming an American Citizen. After finishing High School in Miami, Florida in 1964, Font moved to Texas. He attended Baylor University in Waco and graduated with a B.S. degree in geology with a minor in math in 1967. In 1969 he earned his M.S. degree in geology from Baylor University with an engineering geology emphasis. From 1969-70, Font worked as an exploration geologist for Conoco. He then enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and graduated with a Ph.D. degree in geology in 1973.

Font worked as a university professor at Baylor University from 1973-81. In 1980 he earned the "Professor of the Year Award in Geophysics" as issued by Conoco, Inc. In 1981 he rejoined Conoco and worked as a Senior Staff Geologist, Project Supervisor and Area Geologist through 1987. That year Font moved to Dallas and became a partner and Executive Vice President at Strategic Petroleum Corp., where he worked through 1989. In 1990-91 Font worked as a Consultant and Project Director for Oryx Energy Company. In 1991 Font formed his own company, Geoscience Data Management, Inc.

Font became a CPG member of AIPG in 1977, inspired by his former dissertation director, Dr. Bob Berg. Font is also a "Fellow" of the GSA and member of SIPES, AAPG, and AEG. Font served as President of the Dallas Geological Society from 1993-94 and received the "Professional Service Award" in 1998 from the society.

Font is a "Certified Professional Geologist", "Certified Petroleum Geologist" and a "registered Professional Geologist in Texas, Kentucky, Wyoming and Alaska. He also holds the titles of "Chartered Geologist" and "European Geologist".

Font is married to Hilma Johansen Font and has a daughter (Ingrid) and a son (John-Paul). He is proud of his five grandchildren, Jonathan, Madeleine, Luke, Naomi and Noelle. Font is multi-lingual and his hobbies include physical fitness, scuba diving, motorcycling, target shooting, boating, fishing and playing the guitar.