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South Dakota Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists President **Sarah Chadima** (left) presents the 2018 J.P. Gries Geologist of the Year award to **Janet Carter** (right.) Award announced March 28, 2018, at the AIPG South Dakota Section annual meeting, Pierre, SD. Photo taken by Greg Delzer.

2018 J.P. Gries Geologist of the Year award announced

April 3, 2018 – The South Dakota section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (SD-AIPG) has named Janet M. Carter as 2018 J.P. Gries Geologist of the Year. The award is named in honor of Dr. John Paul Gries for his exceptional work in the field of geology and is provided each year by the South Dakota Section of AIPG in memory of Dr. Gries, a longtime geology professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Janet has worked as a hydrologist at the U.S. Geological Survey Dakota Water Science Center (USGS) in Rapid City, South Dakota, for over 25 years. Janet holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geological Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. She has served as a reports (publication) specialist for many years, and currently serves as the Deputy Director for Hydrologic Studies.

Over her career, Janet has worked on many studies in South Dakota as well as internationally. Her extensive research on the Madison and Minnelusa aquifers in South Dakota has contributed greatly to furthering the understanding of water resources in the Black Hills. Janet has also helped support many tribal projects that include assessment of groundwater resources. She has also taken her expertise abroad as a principal investigator with projects in Armenia, Mongolia, and more recently in Afghanistan.

Janet served as the USGS South Dakota Water Science Center webmaster and outreach coordinator until 2016, during which time she ensured that public education and dissemination of USGS science was a key priority. Until recently, Janet chaired and organized the annual Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference. She serves on the advisory board for the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Previous J.P. Gries award recipients include Gary Haag, with the United States Forest Service, Richard Hammond with Heine Electric and Irrigation; South Dakota School of Mines & Technology professors Dr.

Arden Davis, Dr. Colin Paterson, Dr. Edward Duke, Dr. Perry Rahn, Dr. Jack Redden, Dr. Alvis Lisenbee, and Dr. James Fox; Mark Anderson with the United States Geological Survey, and South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources geologists Dr. Mark Fahrenbach, Fred Steece, Derric Iles, and J. Foster Sawyer.

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