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J.P. MOHSEN INAUGURATED AS ASEE PRESIDENT

At the Awards Banquet highlight event of the 2009 ASEE Annual Conference in Austin, J.P. Mohsen was presented with the President's Gavel and inaugurated as ASEE President for 2009-2010. His President's Message can be read on ASEE's web site at: http://www.asee.org/about/Presidents_Message.cfm. Mohsen is professor and chair of the civil and environmental department at the University of Louisville, KY.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN

This year's conference in Austin was well attended with over 3,000 participants, 1381 paper published, 360 technical sessions, 126 business meetings, and 27 workshops. There were two distinguished speakers at the Main Plenary Session: Gu Binglin, President of Tsinghao University in Beijing, China, and Carl Mack, President of National Society of Black Engineers. You can see photos from Wednesday's Annual Awards Banquet as well as read the daily conference newsletter that highlighted each day's special events at: <http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2009/>.

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GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM

The 8th Annual ASEE Global Colloquium on Engineering Education will be held in Budapest, Hungary, October 12-15, 2009. The colloquium is held annually in locations such as Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, Istanbul, and Cape Town with the assistance of engineering education organizations from the host country. The meeting brings together engineering educators from multiple international countries to meet and exchange ideas and viewpoints. Registration for the colloquium opened July 1, 2009. For details, go to: <http://www.asee.org/conferences/international/2009/>.

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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASEE administers a number of federally funded programs that offer fellowship opportunities, including the following:

Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program

The purpose is to promote the education, recruitment and retention of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in science, mathematics, and engineering studies; the DoD is also interested in supporting the education of future scientists and engineers in a number of interdisciplinary areas. Scholarships awarded include a cash award of \$25,000 to \$41,000, full tuition, required fees, and a book allowance. The SMART Program will allow individuals to acquire an education in exchange for a period of employment with the Department of Defense. The program is intended for U.S. citizens; students must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for an award. Application opens August 15 and the deadline is in December 2009. For information and to apply online, go to <http://www.asee.org/smart>.

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

This program is open to US citizens and legal permanent residents and offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. The program offers one to three year postdoctoral fellowships designed to increase the involvement of scientists and engineers from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Navy. The program has a rolling admission. For further details, go to: <http://www.asee.org/nrl/>.

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

For U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens at or near the beginning of their graduate studies, this program offers a stipend of \$30,000 a year for three years and a \$10,500 cost of education allowance and a one-time \$1,000 travel allowance. For application and deadline information, go to: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>. For additional program information, go to: <http://www.nsf.gov/grfp>.

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ABET NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ABET, Inc. named Michael K. J. Milligan, Ph.D., P.E., as its third Executive Director, effective June 1, 2009. ABET's Board of Directors' decision ended a five-month global search. ABET's President, Joseph Sussman, cited Milligan's commitment to education, success in managing complex projects, and expertise in leading diverse groups as factors in the Board's selection. Milligan most recently led an Aerospace Corporation team of scientists, engineers, and support staff assisting in the development of an environmental satellite for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, an MSE from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, and a BS from Michigan State University – all in electrical engineering.

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NOMINATIONS FOR WATERMAN AWARD

The National Science Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2009 Alan T. Waterman Award. Each year, the Foundation bestows the Waterman Award to recognize the talent, creativity and influence of a singular young researcher. Established in 1975 in honor of the Foundation's first Director, the Waterman Award is the Foundation's highest honor for researchers under the age of 35. Nominees are accepted from any field of science or engineering that NSF supports. The award recipient will receive a grant of \$500,000 over a three-year period for scientific research or advanced study in any field of science or engineering supported by NSF. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and must be 35 years of age or younger or not more than seven years beyond receipt of the Ph.D. degree by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated. Go to: <http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/waterman.jsp> for more information.

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REFORMING FIRST YEAR WORKSHOP

The workshop, "Reforming the First Year Engineering Experience" is scheduled for August 2-4, 2009, at various sites with University of Notre Dame being the lead site. This distributed, multidisciplinary workshop aims to equip participants with both a development process and access to resources need to design and implement a successful project-based introductory engineering program that is tailored to their institutions. Visit <http://www.nd.edu/~engineer/ReformingFirstYear> for details and a list of university sites where workshops will be held.

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ASTM - STANDARDS WORLDWIDE - AWARD

Candidates for the ASTM Professor of the Year Award include professors and instructors at accredited universities worldwide who have demonstrated outstanding use of ASTM standards in their teaching. Cash awards will be given to the winning educator and his/her university. See: <http://www.astm.org>, campus section, for more information.

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