

The 2005 AusIMM Award Winners

The AusIMM Awards for 2005 received an increased number of nominations under the new streamlined process. The Awards Committee met on Friday 25 November and recommended the following awards for 2005 together with citations where they have been completed:

Honorary Fellowship

James Whitehead

For his service to The AusIMM including the Melbourne Branch Committee as Honorary Secretary, The AusIMM Council, as Chair of the Mineral Heritage Committee, his involvement in a number of conferences and symposia and his role as Electoral Officer for many years.

Leslie Parkin

For his contribution to the promotion of the mining and petroleum industries and to the ideals and aspirations of The AusIMM as well as his profound influence on those engaged in the minerals industry.

John Eddy

In recognition of significant contribution to The AusIMM Perth Branch activities and as a voice of wise advice in the industry.

Institute Medal

Owen Hegarty

For his achievements in a distinguished career in the Australian mining industry, for his inspirational leadership, his dedication to delivery, performance, his passion for resources and his role in rebuilding the innovative, mid-sized mining corporation in Australia.

President's Award

John Collier

For his success as a leader of exploration in the CRA/Rio Tinto Group and as a pioneer of new commodities in new geological settings. His recognition, discovery and championing of the potential of the WIM mineral sands deposits in the Murray Basin was the initiating step, leading to development of a new and world class Australian mineral province and operations.

MIOTA (Mineral Industry Operating Technique Award)

– Edwin van Leeuwen and Phillip Harman

The Falcon Team of BHP Billiton's Research Group lead by Edwin van Leeuwen and Gravity Diamonds Limited Managing Director, Phillip Harman. The Falcon™ geophysical technology is a ground breaking technology. It is the first airborne gravity gradiometer designed specifically for application to minerals exploration and complements other airborne geophysical technologies that have been available since the 1950's. It is capable of mapping in detail the density distribution of rock formations within the top kilometer of the earth's crust and in some cases of locating specific gravity anomalies that are associated with mineral deposits. The Falcon system has the potential to open up new terrains under cover to exploration and discovery, thereby sustaining the future of our industry.

G B O'Malley

Marc Steffens

For his presentation of the paper entitled "Extraction of nickel from acidic leach solutions using Electrostatic Pseudo Liquid Membrane (ESPLIM)" at an internationally recognised peer reviewed conference, the Conference of Metallurgists - COM 2005, 21st-24th August 2005, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Beryl Jacka

Vivienne Bull

For ongoing extraordinary and sustained service and selfless work on behalf of The AusIMM at many levels including as a Councillor and Board Member, on the Membership Committee, New Zealand Branch and Conference Committees.

Branch Service Award

Ken Nielsen

For his sustained commitment and involvement with the Central Victorian Branch of The AusIMM since its inception over 20 years ago. Firstly as a financial donor and member then more recently as Chairperson / Newsletter Editor and Chairperson of national technical conferences.

Rex Berthelsen

For his driving force, energy and dedication to the functioning of the Cobar Branch of The AusIMM and its activities.

Norman Stockton

For twenty years service to the Perth Branch Committee and his wise counsel and as a strong link to the student and younger members as well as his enthusiastic support of all Branch initiatives and student chapters. His support for the ASMV and his understanding of the industry at a local and global level. Also a significant recruiter of mineral industry students into The AusIMM.

OH&S Award

Graham Terrey

For his devotion over 30 years to the inspectorate and the Safety and Health Department of NSW Mines. For raising the awareness of a safety culture, for striving for a higher education in and seeking more knowledge on subjects that can make a difference to the safety of miners.

Sir Willis Connolly Medal

Ian Plimer

In recognition of his contribution to the promotion of science, research and education in particular in his role as Professor of Geology at the University of Melbourne.

New Professional

(Rohan) Mark Shannon

A driving force in the passionate promotion of The AusIMM, the mining industry and the University of Ballarat as an active member of the Central Victorian Branch and Ballarat Student Chapter. Also for his involvement in Chairing the 2004 New Leaders Conference and Mining Games.

Special Award

Trevor Sykes

The AusIMM has introduced a new Special Award for 2005 to be called the "Pierpont Award" to thank Trevor Sykes for his huge contribution through 53 years of journalism and 33 years as a columnist under the pseudonym of Pierpont, to the minerals industry. In particular for endeavouring to "keep the bastards honest" throughout his career in his role in forensic financial journalism creating insightful exposure of the shenanigans of some of the industries corporate cowboys".