

MTS Announces Annual Award Winners *Top Recognitions Presented at Annual Meeting*

(October 2012, Washington, DC) The Marine Technology Society is pleased to announce the honors and recognitions it awarded at its Annual Meeting held at OCEANS'12 MTS/IEEE Hampton Roads, VA in October 2012.

The highest accolade a member can receive within the Society is to be designated an MTS Fellow. Charles Royce was thus recognized at the MTS Annual Meeting, joining the 117 honored with this recognition since its inception. Charles' career was beginning as ROVs gained dependability and usefulness in the offshore industry. He worked on the early ROV's systems and groundbreaking ROV jobs such as the Exxon Hondo Platform in 1976 and the IXTOC blowout in 1979. It was his efforts and technical know-how that kept many ROVs working under the most demanding conditions for the most problematic jobs.

Among the top awards presented were those sponsored by Compass Publications, Lockheed Martin and Ocean News and Technology. The **Compass (Publications) Distinguished Achievement Award** was presented to Robert Winokur, honoring his nearly five-decade service to both the private and public sectors as a researcher and technical program manager. Winokur led national and international policy activities, including the team that formulated the policy initiatives that reinvigorated naval oceanography. In addition to his award, Rolex Watch, who has been a part of this award for 39 years, presented Winokur with a watch. The **Compass (Publications) International Award** honored EDT Offshore, Ltd. for their outstanding contributions to marine technology. EDT has been instrumental in the success of numerous high-profile research, exploration, discovery and offshore development/production activities around the world. Their powerful ocean-going capability has enabled many key oceanographic expeditions as well as numerous deep water recoveries for the U.S. Navy. The **Compass (Publications) Industrial Award** recognized Sonardyne International, a leader in the design, development and manufacture of advanced acoustic systems for positioning, communication, imaging and other specialized acoustic applications. In addition, they were recognized for their new systems that represent true advances in design, including their tsunami detection system and the Sentinel IDS for the detection of divers in high-risk areas.

The **Lockheed Martin Award for Ocean Science and Engineering** was presented to Franz Hover. A world leader in the design and implementation of complex marine robotic systems, Franz led the creation, control system development and field testing of several autonomous underwater vehicle designs, including the hovering autonomous vehicle for precision under-hull inspection.

The **Ocean News and Technology Award** recognizes a member of our 'Next Generation' who has already demonstrated excellence in their profession and made significant contributions to MTS. The award recognized Jeremy Childress, who was also awarded \$1000. Jeremy works at Sexton Company, providing engineering and design services in the development of custom underwater enclosures used in marine research applications. He is the founder of the MTS Oregon Section and is very active in organizing and planning events for the regional marine technologists.

Also honored at the Annual Meeting was Teledyne RD Instruments, recognized with the **MTS Outstanding Service Award**. A long-time MTS member, Teledyne RD Instruments has been ever ready to support MTS Initiatives and activities. The company directly contributes to the encouragement and nurturing of the industry's "Next Generation" by paying the dues each year of 100 student members, sponsoring MATE ROV competitions, and taking part in other student and Society activities.

The MTS Hawaii Section was recognized as **Outstanding MTS Section** for their exceptional OCEANS'11 Conference, organized and coordinated in addition to the Section's regular activities. The College of William and Mary Student Section was recognized with the **Outstanding Student Section** award. Although relatively new, the MTS Student Section has already become one of the College's top science-related student organizations.

The Marine Technology Society is a non-profit international community of ocean engineers, technologists, policy-makers and educators that provides the ocean community with forums for the exchange of information and ideas through its peer-reviewed *MTS Journal*, conferences, newsletters and Web site (www.mtsociety.org).

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