SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RICHARD H. JAHNS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER
(Ratified March 8, 2006)

Appointment of the Distinguished Lecturer will be considered annually in accordance with the bylaws of the Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America (EGD) and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG). The appointment will be made to an individual who through research or practice has contributed to the advancement of environmental and/or engineering geology.

The purpose of the lectureship is to increase awareness at institutions of higher learning about environmental and/or engineering geology. The Distinguished Lecturer’s qualifications are based on his/her outstanding research and/or practice in environmental and/or engineering geology or the application of geology to improving the environment or engineered work(s) (i.e., applied geology).

The lecturer should be prepared to speak on topics of earth processes and the consequences of human interaction with these processes, or the application of geology to environmental and/or engineering works. Consideration by the Jahns Lecturer Selection Committee members will be given to individuals whose research results or practice activities are particularly timely. Joint membership in EGD and AEG is desirable; individuals selected for the Jahns Lectureship who are not members of both organizations are encouraged to consider becoming members. When practical, research-oriented individuals will be chosen for even-numbered year and practice-oriented individuals will be chosen for odd-numbered years.

Upon acceptance of the appointment of the Jahns Lecturer, the awardee will be introduced 1) at the AEG Annual Meeting’s Opening Session immediately following the talk by the current year’s Jahns Lecturer, and 2) at the EGD’s annual luncheon. A plaque will be presented to the Distinguished Lecturer by the EGD on even numbered years and by AEG on odd-numbered years.

The focus of the Distinguished Lecturer is to:

1. Present lectures by invitation at universities/colleges that do not have applied geology programs to promote awareness of applied geology among undergraduate geology students.
2. Give lectures at universities/colleges with applied geology programs to reinforce the recognition and importance of applied geology.
3. Give presentations to non-geology students, graduate and undergraduate, to improve awareness and demonstrate the importance of applied geology.
4. Give presentations to professional society groups in the region of universities/colleges inviting the lecturer to make presentations.

Suggestions for the Lecturer:

1. Upon acceptance of the award provide contact information and lecture title(s) to the EGD and AEG to be posted on respective web sites and included in newsletters.
2. Respond to unsolicited invitations from universities/colleges.
3. Where practical, identify and proactively contact other universities/colleges in the region of one that has extended an invitation to optimize contact with students for the limited travel funds.
4. Be prepared to distribute information to students and faculty members about joining EGD and AEG. Be an ambassador for the sponsoring organizations (EGD and AEG).
Expectations by EGD and AEG:

1. Be prepared to introduce yourself and give a brief talk regarding the topics to be offered for presentation during your year of being the Distinguished Lecturer at annual meetings of both GSA/EGD and AEG prior to the year of lectures.
2. Be prepared to present your featured lecture at both GSA/EGD and AEG annual meetings during the year of your award.
3. The cost of your GSA/EGD and AEG annual meeting registration and AEG’s banquet will be paid by the respective organizations.

Travel expenses incurred by the lecturer, up to a limit of $6,000, will be shared equally by EGD and AEG. In any year, AEG may elect to increase AEG’s contribution and the limit of reimbursement to the current year’s Jahns Lecturer if funds are available from the AEG Foundation, donated to the AEG Foundation specifically for the Jahns Lecturer and disbursement is necessary for AEG and AEG Foundation to fulfill donor’s intent for the money. Host institutions should be encouraged to pay per diem expenses incurred during the lecturer’s visit, although this is not a requirement of making the invitation. GSA will coordinate reimbursement to the Lecturer upon receiving appropriate travel receipts upon the conclusion or at the mid-term of the Lecturer’s year of talks, and will bill AEG for their contribution. All travel expenses first need to be approved by the President of the EGD and the President and Treasurer of the AEG Foundation. A Request for Disbursement along with a summary of travel expenses should accompany the original travel receipts and be sent by regular mail to the GSA Foundation Director of Operations, while a copy of the summary and receipts should be mailed to AEG Headquarters for AEG’s files.

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