

2017 PTAC Annual General Meeting - Awards

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Dave Rushford

Dave has provided outstanding leadership, and strategic guidance to PTAC and the PTAC Board of Directors as previous Board Chair, and through his commitment to the sustainable development of Canada's world class hydrocarbon resources through innovation, collaborative research, technology development, demonstration, and deployment.

This year's Corporate Leadership Award goes to Encana Corporation

Executives and staff at Encana Corporation have provided significant leadership through the AUPRF and TERE programs. More recently, Encana has been assisting PTAC on the methane emissions reductions file, providing support to numerous methane reductions initiatives slated for launch in 2017.

This year's President's Award for Leadership in Collaborative R&D goes to Richard Dunn, Vice-President - Government Relations, Encana Corporation

Richard has provided strong leadership and commitment to help industry find cost effective solutions to meet emissions reduction targets through innovation, collaborative research, technology development, demonstration, and deployment.

This year's Collaborative Spirit Award goes to the Saskatchewan Research Council

The Saskatchewan Research Council has been a longstanding partner of PTAC and has been a supporter of collaborative R&D initiatives within the Canadian Hydrocarbon Energy industry for 70 years. SRC has partnered with PTAC on numerous innovation initiatives including but not limited to, Road-mapping the Unconventional Bakken Play, establishing a Centre for Demonstration of Emissions Reductions Technologies, and launching numerous industry events which promote the progression of the innovation ecosystem within our sector.

This year's Chair Person's Award goes Sean Heibert of ConocoPhillips Canada

Sean has played an instrumental role in PTAC Air and GHG initiatives for many years, advocating for industry stakeholders to support the R&D efforts launched through PTAC's TERE and AUPRF Air Committees. Sean has also proven to be a key player in regards to the recent methane file, through initiatives led not only through PTAC, but his participation on Methane Oversight Technical Committees and his role at ConocoPhillips Canada.

This year's Outstanding Service Award goes to Mark Johnstone

This award is presented to previous PTAC Board Members who have recently stepped down as a director, and have left an outstanding legacy in the Canadian oil and gas industry, notably in regards to their strong collaborative efforts and leadership in progressing research and technology development, devoted service, and commitment to achieving sustainable hydrocarbon development.

This year's Commercializing of SME Technology Award goes to Black Gold Rush Industries

Black Gold Rush Industries has demonstrated exceptional collaborative effort through successfully developing and implementing their Enclosed Vapor Combustors in both Canada and the United States. Their technology is an extremely useful tool for Industry to mitigate methane emissions, as they are built to comply with current and anticipated industry regulatory requirements.

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This year's Ecological Leadership Award goes to Scott Grindal of ConocoPhillips Canada

Scott has provided valuable direction and leadership on collaborative projects related to industry performance and environmental excellence through the PTAC Ecological Research Planning Committee.

This year's Soil and Groundwater Research Leadership Award goes to Debbie Tainton of Canadian Natural Resources Limited

Debbie has provided valuable direction and leadership on collaborative projects related to industry performance and environmental excellence through the PTAC Soil and Groundwater Research Committee.

This year's Water Innovation Leadership Award goes to Michael Bevan of the Alberta Energy Regulator

Michael has provided valuable direction and leadership on collaborative projects related to industry performance and environmental excellence through the PTAC Water Innovation Planning Committee.

This year's Air Quality R&D Leadership Award goes to Greg Unrau of Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc.

Greg has provided valuable direction and leadership on projects collaborative related to industry performance and environmental excellence through the PTAC Air Research Planning Committee.

This year's Well Abandonment Leadership Award goes to Leah Davies of Canadian Natural Resources Limited

Leah has provided valuable direction and leadership on collaborative projects related to industry performance and environmental excellence through the PTAC Well Abandonment Research Initiative Committee.

This year's Eco-Efficiency Leadership Award goes to Alice Yu of Cenovus Energy

Alice has consistently demonstrated outstanding collaborative efforts in activities related to technology for emissions reduction and eco-efficiency (TEREE) Committee. Working with her is an effortless experience; she stimulates positive communication and has dedicated a large amount of in-kind time to participate in and outside of PTAC committee meetings to increase project quality, particularly regarding the following projects, which were launched in 2016: The Canadian Upstream Oil and Gas Eco-Efficiency Handbook, and the Canadian Upstream Oil and Gas Energy Efficient Operations Handbook.

This year's Pipeline Leadership Award goes to Dave Hoffman of Enbridge

Dave was instrumental in the success of the Pipeline Abandonment Research Steering Committee, and has provided outstanding collaborative effort and leadership to the committee through his active participation in helping address knowledge gaps in the area of pipeline abandonment. At the end of 2016, Dave switched positions within Enbridge, and in turn stepped down from his role on the Pipeline Abandonment Committee, however Dave continually went above and beyond his role as a Steering Committee member, in providing additional resources from the Enbridge, for all projects that have been launched through this program.