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IHMM Presents Robert A. West, CHMM, REM, CEM, CMI, CEC, CIPS, CAQS, CE&SCO with Distinguished Diplomate Award

ROCKVILLE, MD (27 December 2016) — The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) has recognized Robert A. West, CHMM, REM, CEM, CMI, CEC, CIPS, CAQS, CE&SCO as its tenth Distinguished Diplomate, the highest honorary designation conferred by IHMM. The IHMM Board of Directors elected Mr. West during its December quarterly meeting.



Since 1990, Mr. West has been President of R.A. West Associates, Inc., an engineering and consulting services firm focused on the assessment, design, and management of property related environmental issues.

Mr. West has over thirty-two (32) years' experience managing, operating, and developing engineering, consulting, and cleanup contracting businesses for several national and international corporations.

Mr. West received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and studied graduate level Analytical Chemistry at Rutgers University. Mr. West received his Certified Hazardous Materials Manager certification in 1991. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management.

The Distinguished Diplomate designation is awarded to Fellows of the Institute who have either contributed notably and substantively to the field of hazardous materials management or to the overall IHMM Mission.

Bob is presently a member of the IHMM Board of Directors and has been deeply involved in its efforts to establish IHMM's Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) certification as an accredited credential in China, a great undertaking involving an immense dedication of time and effort on Bob's part. The Institute owes a debt of gratitude to Bob for his exceptional leadership and contributions in this initiative.

In addition, Bob chaired IHMM's Nominating Committee for several years. Bob has also served on and chaired several AHMP (formerly ACHMM) committees. Bob has been a member and active supporter of the New Jersey Chapter of AHMP (formerly ACHMM of New Jersey) serving as VP of Programs, Vice President and President. He has written and edited several chapters in the IHMM's *Managing Hazardous Materials* textbook. Bob has spoken to many professional audiences regarding his work and that of IHMM and AHMP including most recently a Delegation to the United States from the United Arab Emirates.

The full list of Distinguished Diplomates and Fellows of the Institute may be found at the IHMM Web site at <http://www.ihmm.org/about-ihmm/honorary-designations>.

About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

For over thirty years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public's health, safety, and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials and dangerous goods



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