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Rampur S. Viswanath, CHMM, Presented with Distinguished Diplomate Award

ROCKVILLE, MD (10 December 2014) — The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management's (IHMM) has recognized Rampur S. Viswanath, CHMM as its ninth Distinguished Diplomate, the highest honorary designation conferred by IHMM. The IHMM Board of Directors elected Dr. Viswanath during its December quarterly meeting.

The Distinguished Diplomate designation is awarded to Fellows of the Institute who have either contributed noticeably and substantively to the field of hazardous materials management and/or to the overall IHMM Mission. Such contributions may include: founding of a significant element of an IHMM credential program or of a non-competing hazardous materials organization or program; organizing or leading a major hazardous materials management program to successful completion; long-standing devotion with notable contributions to the field; and/or, originating or leading a major breakthrough in hazardous materials management.

Dr. Viswanath earned the CHMM credential in 1992 and was elected as a Fellow of the Institute in 2006. Dr. Viswanath also served as Chair of the Fellows Nominating Committee for 5 years.

According to Allison A. King, CHMM and IHMM Board Chair, "Dr. Viswanath joins a very select group of only eight others who have been selected as Distinguished Diplomates." The other individuals who have received recognition as Distinguished Diplomates are:

- Harold M. Gordon and John J. McCambridge, CHMM (Ret.), who were elected in 1999
- John H. Frick, CHMM (Ret.), who was elected in 2000
- Edward J. Baier, CHMM (Ret.) and Kenneth L. Manchen, CHMM, who were elected in 2001
- David H. Benshoof, CHMM, and Peter R. Spinney, CHMM, who were elected in 2004
- Elizabeth R. Pfeiffer, CHMM, who was elected in 2009

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 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.

Over 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM's accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) credentials.

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