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Nominations Now Open for the Environmental Professional of the Year 2018 Award

Today, the Society for the Environment has opened the nominations for the prestigious Environmental Professional of the Year 2018 award.

The annual Environmental Professional of the Year award celebrates an individual's exceptional commitment or major achievement where their professional practice has made a real difference to protecting, preserving or enhancing the environment and advancing the principles of sustainability.

The award can be won by a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) or Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) from any sector or discipline. Nominations are welcome for your colleagues, peers, inspirations or even yourself, as a self-nomination.

Dr Phillippa Pearson MIWater CEnv, Catchment Manager at Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water, was announced as the winners of the 2017 award. In previous years, the Chartered Environmentalist of the Year award has been presented to David Stubbs (CIEEM, 2013), Professor Martin Bigg (IEMA, 2014) and Dr Lucinda Gilfoyle (IWater, 2015).

2014 winner, Professor Martin Bigg, is keen to recognise the work of environmental professionals, and says; "Environmental professionals are facing bigger challenges and opportunities than ever before. We owe it to all in the profession to encourage and recognise the leadership being shown in working to achieve a sustainable future".

Martin continues with a personal reflection; "What was especially gratifying about receiving the award of Chartered Environmentalist of the Year 2014 was the appreciation of my peers across the environmental profession in making a difference. In some ways, it has meant more to me than academic or business success. It was an achievement to be proud of".

CEO of the Society for the Environment, Dr Emma Wilcox, said; "This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase outstanding examples of work by registered environmental professionals. We are looking for inspiring individuals who have gone above and beyond in their field to protect and enhance the environment".

Nominations are now being accepted via the Society's website: socenv.org.uk/SocEnvAwards18. The deadline for nomination submissions is midnight on Friday 4th May 2018.

As the Society recently announced, the [Society for the Environment Awards and Lectures on World Environment Day](#) (Tuesday 5th June 2018) will include the announcement of the finalists and eventual winner, concluding an evening of networking, expert lectures and presentations.

Registration is now available for this event, which is free for CEnvs and REnvTechs. An early bird discount is available for aspiring environmental professionals and interested parties until midnight on the 5th May 2018. To register your attendance, please visit socenv.org.uk/event/WED2018.

Professor Martin Bigg also offered encouragement to submit nominations; “There are many amongst our very diverse profession who deserve to be recognised and encouraged. If you know of anyone who should be rewarded, please put their names forward.”

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About the Society for the Environment

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 25 Constituent Bodies, 24 of which are licenced to award the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) registration, with over 500,000 members between them. The Society received a Royal Charter in 2004, which empowers it to regulate the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration in the UK. There are now over 7,300 environmental professionals currently registered who share a common vision of delivering sustainability through environmental professionalism. Further information can be found at www.socenv.org.uk.

About Professor Martin Bigg BSc MSc PhD FRSC FIEMA CChem CSci CEnv, Chartered Environmentalist of the Year 2014

Professor Martin Bigg has an impressive record of achievement in environmental sustainability. From working in her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Pollution (HMIP) on the development of the UK’s integrated pollution control regime, through to Head of Industry and Waste Regulation at the Environment Agency which included leading on the development of the Industrial Emissions directive, to Chair of the Bristol Green Capital Partnership and leading Bristol’s success as being award European Green Capital for 2015.

Martin is passionate about setting and maintaining high professional standards. He Chaired IEMA’s Professional Standards Committee and sits on their board. At the Environment Agency, he took on the head of business role responsible for the oversight and competency of 500 staff. He embodies these values himself, being a Chartered Environmentalist and Chartered Scientist, as well as holding Fellowships of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Martin is currently Professor of Environmental Technologies Innovation at the University of the West of England, and he also sat as Director of Environmental Technologies iNet; a major supporter of innovation in South West England.

The 25 Constituent Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:

Arboricultural Association (AA)
Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)

Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
Energy Institute (EI)
Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)
Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM)
Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
Institute of Water (IWater)
Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)
Institution of Chemical Engineers (ICHEM)
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)
Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)
Nuclear Institute (NI)
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Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)
Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)