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John Giesy Presented SETAC Global Partners Capacity-Building Award

Pensacola, Fla.—The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry is pleased to present the SETAC Global Partners Capacity-Building Award to John Giesy, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Environmental Toxicology and Ambassador to China at the University of Saskatchewan. The award will be presented at the SETAC North America 34th Annual Meeting, 17-22 November at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The award recognizes individuals or groups for their contribution toward building capacity in the environmental sciences within countries with developing economies. Emphasis is given to promoting the advancement and application of scientific research related to contaminants and other stressors in the environment, education in the environmental sciences, and the use of science in environmental policy and decision-making. Giesy has worked closely with universities in China, acknowledging the environmental challenges that come with rapid economic growth. He has served as co-investigator, co-author, mentor and supervisor to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at universities in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China, and advisor on policy issues related to the environment. His work with researchers at the State Key Laboratory of Environmental Criteria and Risk Assessment has contributed to the development of water quality criteria and standards across China, and criteria for protecting wild birds. His collaborations at Peking University's College of Urban and Environmental Sciences have resulted in a project investigating the release of dioxins into the air around municipal waste incinerators and papers describing research that identifies the cause of malformation in sturgeon from the Yangtze River.

Indicative of his collaborative approach, Giesy humbly responded, "I appreciate the recognition, but it truly is for a large group of colleagues all around the world. I am blessed with excellent colleagues all over the world." Giesy would like to specifically acknowledge colleagues at his home university and the following:

Hong Kong, SAR, China

- Department of Biology and Chemistry, State Key Laboratory in Marine Pollution, City University of Hong Kong
- School of Biological Sciences, University of Hong Kong

People's Republic of China:

- Research Center for Eco-environmental Sciences (RCEES), Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing
- State Key Laboratory of Environmental Criteria and Risk Assessment, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES), Beijing
- School of Environment, Nanjing University, Nanjing



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