



### **Longtime Solutia Employee Dave McCollum Named as "AIChE Fellow"**

Less than 3 percent of the 40,000 professionals belonging to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) are extended the honor of "Fellow" – a title reserved for members who display extraordinary service to the Institute and their profession.

When Dave McCollum was selected to receive this honor, it came as no surprise to his Solutia co-workers and colleagues, who for years have known the impact McCollum has had on the chemical engineering field.

"Dave has toiled long and hard to improve the chemical engineering profession," explained Dave Eckhardt, a former Monsanto employee and the AIChE Fellow who nominated McCollum. "Notably, his commitment has included considerable effort to improve math and science education in St. Louis area public schools. Dave's election as Fellow is well earned and richly deserved."

In addition to the prestigious honor, McCollum celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Solutia on June 21. He became interested in the profession through the Cooperative Education program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. After gaining experience in research and development (his favorite area of the industry) McCollum began his career with Solutia by joining Monsanto in 1976. In 1984, he began his 22-year tenure with Skydrol in the marketing technical service (MTS) function. Currently serving as MTS principal, McCollum's responsibilities include operations in the Skydrol pump test laboratory, as well as educating customers on the use of Skydrol.

McCollum began his tenure with the AIChE as a student in college, and has since accrued 30 years as an AIChE member. During those years, McCollum has served in a number of capacities, including St. Louis Section chairman, treasurer, and various committee posts such as Program and Awards. He helped organize several AIChE Symposium-Chem Shows held in St. Louis, as well as the 1993 Spring National Meeting, also held in St. Louis.

"I've always considered it my duty to be an ambassador for the chemical industry," said McCollum. "In addition to the symposia and committee work, one of my favorite, and most natural contributions has been educating high schoolers about the fun and interesting career paths that can be built from one's fascination with chemistry. My involvement with AIChE has been personally rewarding. It's nice to see that the efforts I enjoyed and felt so strongly about for so many years are being recognized by my peers, especially since they belong to an organization I hold in such high esteem."

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