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Another Year of Excellence as IWR Celebrates with Awards

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. The Institute for Water Resources (IWR) honored team members for excellence at its annual Town Hall on October 15, 2014.

"Perhaps the most gratifying part of my job is being able to recognize those who achieve excellence in their work and in support of the Corps' mission," Mr. Robert Pietrowsky, Director of IWR, shared in his weekly report to LTG Thomas Bostick. And yes, Mr. Pietrowsky named names:

Employee of the Year: **Mr. Salvatore Todaro**, with IWR's Risk Management Center (RMC), for his absolutely superb engineering and selfless mentoring on Dam Safety activities across USACE;

Team of the Year: **The Corps Water Management System (CWMS) National Implementation PDT**, with the team including over 60 H&H Engineering SME's from IWR's Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC), the Mapping, Modeling & Consequences Center (MMC) and districts across USACE;

Scientific/Technical Excellence: **Mr. Chad Markin**, CEIWR, for his technical acumen and leadership implementing the on-line SimSuite model, which is used extensively by the Emergency Preparedness Community of Practice;

Product of the Year: **HEC-HMS** (Hydrologic Modeling System, Ver. 4.0), led by Dr. Bill Scharffenberg, CEIWR-HEC, and which has significantly advanced the risk analysis and water quality/sediment transport computational components of what was already the world standard in hydrologic rainfall - runoff models;

Business, Administrative/Technical Support Excellence: **Ms. Jackie Churchwell**, CEIWR-HEC, who has raised the bar on providing high quality corporate business team support;

Leadership Excellence: **Dr. Mark Sudol**, CEIWR-NDC, including his outstanding leadership on the UIS activities in support of the USACE Campaign Plan & Civil Works Transformation;

Special Act of the Year - OCONUS: **Dr. Kristin Gilroy**, CEIWR-GR, for her tour as an Embassy Fellow in Chad; and,

Special Act of the Year - CONUS: **Mr. Shawn Komlos**, CEIWR-NDC-GS, for his post-Sandy support to HQUSACE and the NAD-RIT.

LTG Bostick responded back to Pietrowsky with his own congratulatory acknowledgement, “Incredible list of talented award recipients. Congratulations to all. Thank you for recognizing them and highlighting their success in your report. I join you and many others in the great pride we share with the awardees!”

The Town Hall and Awards Ceremony is an annual event providing an opportunity to reflect on the past year’s accomplishments which was captured this year by a highly entertaining and informative presentation. With a lot of new faces at IWR, Mr. Pietrowsky gave the new employees, interns, and visiting scholars the opportunity to introduce themselves to the rest of the IWR staff before all attention was turned to the awards ceremony.

Part of the awards ceremony included the announcement of the newly inductees of former IWR staff into the Institute’s Gallery of Distinguished IWR Employees and a special acknowledgement of employees who reached five through 40 years of federal service. One of those recipients, Ms. Sandra Phillips, was acknowledged for her 40 years of service, all with the Corps Institute for Water Resources.

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