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Larry D. Woodfork to Receive 2008 Ian Campbell Medal

Alexandria, VA – Larry D. Woodfork has been named the recipient of the 2008 Medal in honor of Ian Campbell. Woodfork will be presented this prestigious award at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Presidential Address Ceremony in Houston, Texas on October 4, 2008.

Woodfork earned his B.A. and M.S. Degrees in geology from Indiana University at Bloomington. He first joined the Indiana State Geological Survey as a graduate research assistant and then in 1968 joined the staff of the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey. Once there, he worked up to the position of State Geologist, which he held for 14 years before retiring in 2002.

He now divides his time between consulting on energy development and not-for-profit activities. He is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors for the International Year of Planet Earth and is active in several AGI Member Societies including the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Geophysical Union, Geological Society of America, and the American Association of State Geologists.

Woodfork is the 27th recipient of this award that is given annually in memory of Ian Campbell, a man of remarkable accomplishment and influence. Woodfork's long history of service to the science and profession makes him extremely deserving of this honor. Previous recipients of this award may be viewed at <http://www.agiweb.org/direct/awards.html>.

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