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Dr. Robert Hatcher to Receive AGI's Ian Campbell Award for 2006

Alexandria, VA – The AGI Medal in Memory of Ian Campbell for 2006 will be awarded to Dr. Robert D. Hatcher, Jr. in recognition of his contributions to the profession of geology. Hatcher will be presented this prestigious award at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Presidential Address Ceremony in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 21, 2006.

Hatcher received both a B.A. and a M.S. from Vanderbilt University. He then received a Ph.D. in 1965 in structural geology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Following graduation, he worked for Humble Oil and Refining Company. From there, he moved into a career in academia at Florida State University, and the University of South Carolina-Columbia. In 1986 he moved to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He remains on the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

Hatcher has been president of both GSA (1993) and AGI (1996). He has also served on several GSA and National Academy of Science committees. Currently, Hatcher is the Chair of the Geological Society of America Foundation Board of Trustees, Chair of the GSA Honorary Fellows Committee, and Co-Chair of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists History of Petroleum Geologists Committee.

Hatcher will be the 25th recipient of this award that is given annually in memory of Ian Campbell, a man of remarkable accomplishment and influence. Dr. Hatcher's long history of service to the science and profession makes him extremely deserving of this honor.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 scientific and professional associations that represent more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in our profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in mankind's use of resources and interaction with the environment. More information about AGI can be found at <http://www.agiweb.org>. The Institute also provides a public-outreach web site, <http://www.earthscienceworld.org>.