



Morton Hoffman Receives Chemistry Education Award

Morton Z. Hoffman, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Boston University, received the Distinguished Contribution to Chemistry Education (DCCE) Award from the Committee on Chemistry Education (CCE) of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) on July 13, 2014, on the occasion of the 23rd International Conference on Chemistry Education (ICCE) in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The DCCE Award recognizes outstanding contributions with both local and international impact by a chemistry educator to improve the teaching and learning of chemistry. Previous recipients of the award have been Peter Atkins (Oxford University, U.K.), Lida Schoen (Young Ambassadors of Chemistry, Netherlands), Peter Mahaffy (King's University College, Canada), and Robert Bucat (University of Western Australia).

In his remarks at the opening ceremony of the ICCE, Mahaffy, chair of the Awards Committee and past-chair of CCE, said the following of Hoffman: "One of the distinguished chemistry educators who supported his nomination characterized him as critical, constructive, stimulating, and communicative – he has become a true global ambassador for chemistry education and, moreover, an incredibly supportive colleague. Another nominator wrote that 'his work and contributions to chemistry education have the signature of dedication, enthusiasm, and always sharing his expertise and knowledge in a generous manner.' His nomination strongly highlights his integrity and human values."



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Mahaffy went on to say, “Professor Hoffman has had an exceptional career that includes distinguished contributions both to science and to science education: 194 publications in refereed journals, numerous conference presentations, and an outstanding track record of professional service in support of chemistry educators at both secondary and post-secondary levels, in the United States and internationally. Those contributions include catalyzing and supporting innovation in teaching and learning through initiatives at Boston University and the Northeastern ACS Section, national and international activities of ACS and IUPAC, and leadership involvement in the Malta Conferences that seek to use science diplomacy as a bridge to peace in the Middle East, where it is desperately needed.”

Hoffman also served as the U.S. National Representative to CCE and the committee’s coordinator of the ICCE conferences. He is an ACS, AAAS, and IUPAC Fellow, and the recipient of the 2007 ACS Volunteer Service Award. He also received the 1994 Metcalf Cup and Prize for Excellence in Teaching from Boston University, the 2002 Catalyst Award for Teaching Excellence from the American Chemistry Council, the 2003 Timm Award for Encouraging Young People to Study Chemistry from the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers, the 2005 Norris Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Teaching of Chemistry from the Northeastern Section, and the 2006 Outstanding Professional Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of Hunter College of the City University of New York. He was chair of the Northeastern Section in 2002 and of the ACS Division of Chemical Education in 2005.

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