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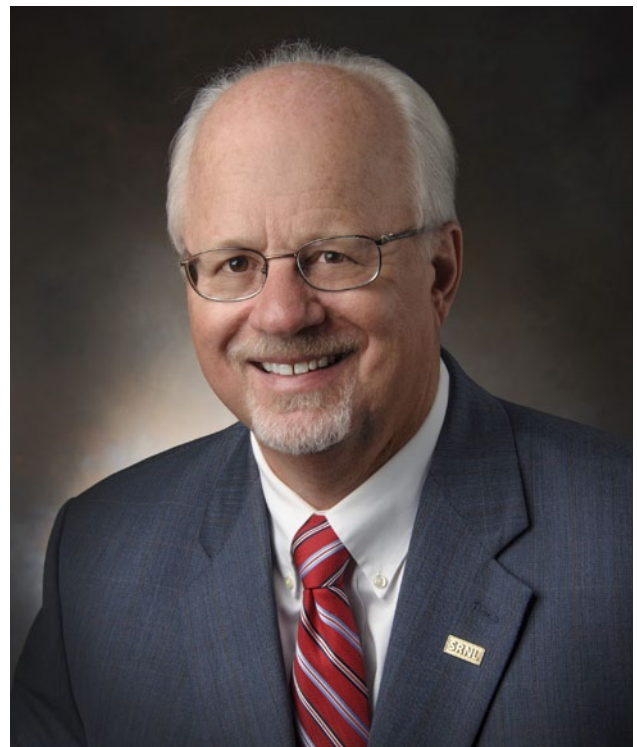
SRNL's Summers to receive Robert E. Wilson Award

Aiken, SC (September 25, 2012) -- Dr. William A. Summers of the Department of Energy's Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) has been named to receive this year's Robert E. Wilson Award at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Oct. 28-Nov. 2.

The Robert E. Wilson award is the oldest award presented by a Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The award was first presented by the Nuclear Engineering Division in 1967, and is made to an individual for outstanding chemical engineering contributions and achievements in the nuclear industry. The award promotes the objectives of the Nuclear Engineering Division of AIChE. The award is given in memory of Dr. Robert E. Wilson, a noted chemical engineer, long time member of AIChE, board chairman of Standard Oil of Indiana, and member of the former U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

Dr. Summers is a Program Manager in the Clean Energy Directorate at SRNL. He serves as the manager for the nuclear fuel cycle R&D program at the laboratory, as well as providing senior leadership for the development and management of a wide range of other energy-related technology programs. Dr. Summers was instrumental in establishing the hydrogen energy program at SRNL, and he served as project manager for the development of the world's first hydrogen hybrid-electric transit bus.

He was responsible for the creation and management of a new program at SRNL involving research and development of technology for hydrogen production from water-splitting using high temperature heat from advanced nuclear reactors. He is an internationally recognized



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authority in the nuclear hydrogen field, having given numerous invited lectures and contributed to four books on that subject.

Dr. Summers has been at SRS since 1992. Prior to joining SRNL, he worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation on the development of a variety of advanced energy systems, including solar, hydrogen, fuel cells, gas processing and others. He received a B.S. in chemical engineering from Case Western Reserve University and an M.S. in Energy Resources and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to his duties at SRNL, he is an adjunct professor in the Nuclear Engineering graduate school at the University of South Carolina.

The Wilson Award consists of a certificate, a plaque, and an honorarium sponsored by the Fluor Foundation.

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