



1999 PAC Winner

Ms. Alev Yaraman

Ms. Alev Yaraman was born in Antakya, Turkey, received her bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Middle East Technical University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Sheffield in England.

In 1970, Ms. Yaraman joined SISECAM as a Research and Development Engineer and progressed rapidly, displaying technical skill and leadership, helping SISECAM grow.

In 1977, Ms. Yaraman was appointed Research and Development manager and under her leadership, the Group's Research and Development flourished, enabling scientists and engineers to focus on glass technology, energy conservation and environmental concerns. In 1984, Ms. Yaraman was promoted to Vice President -Technical Division and became Group Coordinator in 1991.

She was then appointed Chief Executive of the Glassware (Tableware) Group in 1994 and Chief Executive of the Flat Glass Group in 1997. Ms. Yaraman also serves on the Executive Committee of SISECAM, the only major glass company to grow from internal business (vs. acquisition) at the rate of 15% per year, in recent years.

SISECAM is the only glass manufacturer in Turkey producing containers, tableware, float glass, borosilicate, domestic and scientific glass, soda ash, glass machinery, mold closures and fiber packing.

As an industry leader, Ms. Yaraman is active in the American Ceramic Society, the International Commission on Glass, and the Steering Committee and Technical Committee on Education and Training in Science and Engineering. Her service to the industry also includes chairing the European Domestic Glass Committee and Chair of Coordinating Technical Committee (1992-1997).

Ms. Yaraman was also honored by being named a Fellow of the Society of Glass Technology. Her achievements and contributions also include authoring and co-authoring many national and international scientific papers and periodicals.