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Glass Industry Honors Phoenix Award Winner *Dr. Warren W. Wolf Sees Challenges and Opportunities for Industry*

COLUMBUS OHIO — Dr. Warren W. Wolf recently received the glass industry's 2006 Phoenix Award which is presented annually to recognize outstanding individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the glass industry. Dr. Wolf received his award at a formal black-tie event in Columbus, Ohio.

In making their selection, the Phoenix Award Committee hailed Dr. Wolf as true champion of glass, noting, "Even in retirement Dr. Wolf continues to be an advocate for the glass industry through his countless hours of devoted services on industry boards and councils."

In his recipient remarks, Dr. Wolf made several observations about the current state of the glass industry as well as its future. He challenged the US manufacturing industry to push innovation and pull itself out of its decline in manufacturing. He went further and asked industry attendees to do more to work with technical societies to advance glass and ceramic materials.

"Glass is not a commodity product," he said adding that rather than give in to any idea of being a commodity, industry leaders need to focus on the benefits and attributes of glass. "The glass industry will rise or fall with how well it will work together or alone to address its technical and business problems. If we don't work together, we are yesterday's story!"

As for the future of glass, Dr. Wolf observed that the 21st Century would see even more biomedical and biological advances. "GLASS. I don't know where it will be used but it will be IMPORTANT... we will also advance further in communication technology and glass will be needed because of its photonic and optical properties.

"Glass is a unique material," he continued. "(Its) strength is still not understood and (its) surface will lend itself to creating many unique properties and hence more new applications!"

"So expect more of the unexpected in glass!" he concluded.

Dr. Wolf retired as Vice President and Chief Scientist Emeritus from Owens Corning in 2001 after 33 years with the company. Throughout his career he held both senior scientist and technical management positions in research, engineering, and environmental and health sciences.

One of his most noteworthy achievements involved years of research at Owens Corning, resulting in the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer), for the first time in its history, reversing an earlier decision and its removal of glass fibers from its list of carcinogens.

Dr. Wolf holds 15 patents in glass fiber process and composition. Owens Corning presented him with numerous awards for his patent contributions as well as a lifetime achievement award.

Since retiring, Dr. Wolf has remained active in the glass and ceramics industries. He is the current President of The American Ceramic Society and serves on advisory boards at Virginia Tech, The Ohio State University and Mississippi State University. He has also consulted for The United States Department of Energy and The Glass Manufacturing Industry Council.

Dr. Wolf holds a B.A. from The Pennsylvania State University, an MBA from Xavier University and a Ph.D. in Ceramic Engineering from The Ohio State University. He has also been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus from the College of Engineering at Ohio State and as a Fellow of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State.

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Mike Nelson, Committee Chairman, right, congratulates 2006 Phoenix Award Winner Dr. Warren Wolf at the recent Phoenix Award ceremony held in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Wolf devoted more than three decades to the glass industry and continues to serve it five years after his retirement.

Background: The Phoenix Award

In May 1971, representatives of 19 major suppliers to the glass industry met in New York City to form an association to recognize outstanding individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the glass industry. They created the Phoenix Award Committee "to select, each year, a person now living, who has been active in and has made contributions to any phase of the glass industry." As a symbol of the Award, the recipients receive a glass sculpture representing the mythological Phoenix.

Committee members serve for a period of four years. Six new members are elected each year to replace those whose terms have expired. Membership is on an individual, not corporate basis. Members must be employed by a company which is a supplier to the glass manufacturing industry. For more information on the Phoenix Award, including a list of past recipients, go to: <http://www.phoenixawardcommittee.org>.



