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Better World Awards Recognize Outstanding Association Projects Abroad

WASHINGTON, DC—ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Associations Make a Better World Awards. Introduced in 2002, Associations Make a Better World Awards recognize associations that engage in compelling programs and activities that benefit communities abroad in two categories: U.S./Developed Nations and Developing Nations.

The Associations Make a Better World Awards recognize outstanding association programs, projects and activities that make a significant contribution to society and economies around the world. The awards are presented annually to recognize associations making an impact outside of the United States. Representatives from each of the overall award-winning associations will receive their award at ASAE & The Center's 2009 Annual Meeting & Exposition, August 15-18 in Toronto, Canada.

"Associations and their members are involved in many projects around the world and contribute their time, resources and innovative ideas to local communities worldwide," said ASAE & The Center President and CEO John H. Graham IV, CAE. "These associations show their commitment and dedication to making our world a better place, and we are honored to recognize their work with Associations Make a Better World Awards."

U.S./Developed Nation Category

Overall winner

NRECA International Foundation
Arlington, VA
Project: Electrification of Yei, Southern Sudan - Overseas Volunteers

Honorable Mention (for innovation)

International Association of Operative Millers
Overland Park, Kansas
Project: Flour Fortification Initiative (FFI) in 56 countries worldwide

Honorable Mention (for volunteerism and resource utilization)

Society of Critical Care Medicine
Mount Prospect, IL
Project: Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) Course in East Africa, Kenya, Syria, Serbia, Poland, India, Pakistan, Zambia and Belize

Developing Nation Category

Overall Winner

Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE)
Lima, Peru
Project: The training program E-Learning ALIDE

Honorable Mention

Azerbaijan Turkey Historical Research Foundation (ATAF)
Baku, Azerbaijan
Project: Joint action for regional peace as a model of social and economic integration in Eurasia

Honorable Mention

Indonesian Institute for Corporate Directorship (IICD)
Jakarta, Indonesia
Project: Socialize the international best practices of good corporate governance and directorship to foster implementation of Good Corporate Governance

The Associations Make a Better World Awards are supported by the Canadian Tourism Commission, Travel Alberta, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Tourisme Montreal and Tourism Toronto, ASAE & The Center's Strategic Partners and hosts of the 2009 Annual Meeting & Exposition.

For more information about the Associations Make a Better World awards program, visit www.asaecenter.org/betterworld.

About ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership

The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) is a membership organization of more than 22,000 association executives and industry partners representing more than 11,000 organizations. Its members manage leading trade associations, individual membership societies and voluntary organizations across the United States and in 50 countries around the world. The Center for Association Leadership is the premier provider of learning, knowledge and future-oriented research for the association profession. Together, ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership provides resources, education, ideas and advocacy to enhance the power and performance of the association community. For more information about ASAE & The Center, please visit www.asaecenter.org.

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