

The Fossil Fuel Foundation's 15th Annual Awards dinner.

The Fossil Fuel Foundation recently hosted the 15th Annual Awards dinner at the Balalaika Hotel in Sandton. The Foundation is an impartial, independent non-profit organisation providing a forum to serve the multidisciplinary communities working in all aspects of the coal, carbon and energy worlds - from exploration through production to use and environmental consequence.

This was an opportunity for the Foundation and almost 100 guests to publicly recognise the outstanding contribution to the industry by individuals and corporations.

The FFF Annual Prestige Award was awarded to Mr Johan Dempers from Eskom for exceptional contributions to the promotion of coal science and technology.

Professor Mark van der Riet represented the Eskom Research Team which received the Company Achievement Award for outstanding corporate contributions in the fields of Fossil Fuel, Energy and the Environment with specific reference to the development of world-class Underground Coal Gasification technology and the contribution to the optimal use of coal and the protection of the environment.

The second Company Achievement Award was received by Professor John Bunt, Team Leader of the SASOL Technology & Research Development Team for outstanding corporate contributions in the fields of Fossil Fuel, Energy and the Environment with specific reference to the measurement and understanding of the chemistry, petrographic and mineral phase changes, temperature zones and gas compositions in industrial fixed-bed gasification.

The Academic Advancement Awards were given to Mr John Clark of the University of the Witwatersrand and Mr Andre Engelbrecht from North West University for academic advancement in the fields of Fossil Fuel, Energy and the Environment. John Clark's contribution was with specific reference to the effect of heavy petroleum and coal-tar chemistry on the mesophase development, microstructure and performance of cokes in the anode and needle coke industries. Andre Engelbrecht was honoured with specific reference to the characterisation and fluidised bed gasification of selected High-ash South African coals.



Johan Dempers (left) from Eskom receiving the Annual Prestige Award from Mr Dick Kruger President of the FFF.



Prof Mark van der Riet (left) of Eskom receiving the Company Achievement Award from Mr Dick Kruger president of the FFF.



Prof John Bunt of Sasol receives the Company Achievement Award from Dick Kruger President of the FFF.

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