

***Dr. Randall N. Robinson Wins  
2003 Robert E. Wilson Award***



Congratulations to Randall N. Robinson (PhD, ChE, 2001) as the recipient of the prestigious 2003 Robert E. Wilson Award. The Robert E. Wilson award is the oldest award presented by the Nuclear Engineering Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineering. The award was first presented by the Division in 1967, and is made to an individual for “outstanding chemical engineering contribution in the nuclear industry.”

Dr. Robinson received his BS and MS degrees in ChE from Berkeley and San Jose State, respectively. He earned his PhD part time, with the aid of a short absence of leave, from the University of Maryland. Before moving to Washington to join the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, he spent more than 30 years working for General Electric’s nuclear businesses. His major contributions and achievements are briefly described below:

- S** Invention of the Passive GEZIP system, which resulted in a substantial reduction of radiation dose to workers during BWR outages worldwide.
- S** Contribution to the improvement of the skills of thousands of chemical engineers by his teaching and the production of his book for the PE exam.
- S** Investigation into safety problems with the use of tetraphenylborate for in-tank precipitation of cesium from high level waste.
- S** Earned his PhD in chemical engineering at age 60.

Dr. Robinson received his award on April 1 at a special dinner at the AiChE Spring 2003 meeting in New Orleans.