



Professor of the Year

Throughout ASTM International's 125th anniversary celebration, *Standardization News* is looking back on some of the many individuals who received awards, participated in programs, or otherwise contributed to the next generation of standards. In this issue, we highlight two past recipients of ASTM's Professor of the Year award.

Dr. Darla Goeres

2021 Professor of the Year



Dr. Darla Goeres leads the Standardized Biofilm Methods Laboratory (SBML) team at the Center for Biofilm Engineering, whose mission is the development and validation of quantitative standard methods for growing, treating, sampling, and analyzing biofilm

bacteria. Goeres is a long-time member of the subcommittee on antimicrobial agents (E35.15) and facilitated the acceptance of the first approved standard methods for biofilm bacteria. She has held multiple leadership roles during her ASTM tenure and was selected ASTM Professor of the Year in 2021.



"ASTM has been an excellent venue to vet the biofilm methods developed at the Center for Biofilm Engineering. E35 is comprised of a dynamic group of scientists representing multiple interests, yet all committed to producing quality methods that enable for the assessment of antimicrobial agents in a range of application areas. The committee is supportive of its early career participants and helps to educate them on the standardization process. The wealth of knowledge and experience on the committee is impressive, and the committee members are a resource of information that is rarely found gathered in one location. Finally, ASTM methods are routinely used in my laboratory and benefit the undergraduate students just starting their research careers."

Dr. John Germaine

2009 Professor of the Year



Dr. John Germaine is research professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) department at Tufts University. He has nearly 40 years of experience teaching undergraduate and graduate-level materials and geotechnical courses,

directing a significant sponsored research program, and serving the profession. Germaine was a research associate in the CEE Department at MIT before joining the Tufts faculty in 2015 and establishing the Advanced Geomaterials Laboratory. Germaine is a member of the committee on soil and rock (D18), where he served as chair. He also spent a term as a member of the ASTM Board of Directors.



"I can still remember attending my first D18 Committee Week in Louisville, KY in June 1986. I was energized by the technical conversations and openness of the members. People were focused on improving the standards rather than self-promotion. Since then, ASTM has provided a forum for me to apply my knowledge and have a positive impact on the profession. I have written or served as technical contact on numerous standards which are routinely used in practice. On the other hand, I have benefited enormously through my ASTM activities by developing a host of management skills while serving in various officer positions from technical contacts to Chair of D18. ASTM has been a rewarding part of my professional career. In addition to the professional benefits, ASTM has provided many lifelong friendships that thrive outside of ASTM interactions."