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CNTA HOSTING ANNUAL EDWARD TELLER LECTURE ON OCTOBER 16

The 28th Annual Edward Teller lecture will be on October 16 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center, 375 Robert M. Bell Parkway in Aiken. CNTA sponsors the annual Edward Teller Lecture and Banquet as a public outreach, which is named for the famed nuclear pioneer who played a key role in advancing nuclear science during World War II.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with tickets at \$50 per person, which includes a cash bar reception from 6-6:45 p.m. beforehand. In addition, a private speaker reception will be from 6-6:45 p.m. with tickets at \$65 per person. Tickets at either level can be purchased by contacting the CNTA office at cnta@bellsouth.net or (803) 649-3456, or by purchasing them online at <http://cntaware.org/teller/>. Tickets must be purchased by October 2.

The guest lecturer will be Michael Shellenberger, the founder and president of Environmental Progress. Shellenberger is a leading pro-nuclear environmentalist and expert on energy, security, and environmental issues. He co-founded the Breakthrough Institute and served as president from 2003 to 2015, served as an advisor to MIT's "Future of Nuclear Energy Task" force, and advises policymakers in the United States, Europe, and East Asia. Shellenberger is a regular contributor to *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. His TED talks on nuclear energy topics have been viewed over three million times.

Several award and scholarship winners will be recognized at the banquet. These include the Fred C. Davidson Distinguished Scientist Award, the Nuclear Service Award, the Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship, the Aiken Technical College Scholarship, the CNTA High School Essay Contest scholarship winners, and Educator Grant recipients.

Dr. Edward Teller was a native of Hungary and came to the United States, as did many other Jewish scientists escaping the advancing armies of Nazi Germany. From the earliest days of the Manhattan Project, Dr. Teller was a central figure in the design and production of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons materials. He considered the teaching of theoretical physics at several universities his primary occupation. Dr. Teller was the "father of the hydrogen bomb" and convinced President Truman of the need for this weapon given Soviet advances in that direction. President George W. Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July 2003. Dr. Edward Teller died at his California home in September 2003 at age 95.

Dr. Teller presented a public lecture in Augusta, GA in 1992 and allowed CNTA to name its annual lecture and banquet in his honor. The Annual Edward Teller Lecture and Banquet is CNTA's largest community outreach activity. The audience primarily consists of community leaders, elected officials, and nuclear professionals. Some high school and college students also attend courtesy of corporate and college donors.

Notable presenters have included authors, industry leaders, Senators, Congressmen, nuclear medicine pioneers, national laboratory directors, and many others, all with an impressive list of accomplishments.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization that provides factual information on nuclear topics and educates the public on nuclear issues. For further information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or e-mail at cnta@bellsouth.net.