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2024 Fred C. Davison Distinguished Scientist Award Winner Announced

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2024 Fred C. Davison Distinguished Scientist Award is Dr. David DiPrete. This prestigious award was announced on October 24, 2024, at the 33rd Annual Teller Lecture and Banquet held in Grovetown, Georgia.

Dr. DiPrete serves as the technical lead for the radiochemistry team in the Savannah River National Laboratory's (SRNL's) Analytical Development's Nuclear Measurement Group. During his tenure at SRNL, Dr. DiPrete has leveraged his unique technical expertise and insight into developing innovative analytical capabilities and nurturing business opportunities that have significantly advanced the reputation and outreach of the Lab.

“Dr. DiPrete combines a strong educational background in nuclear chemistry with extensive experience garnered from solving complex analytical challenges in the widely varying matrices encountered at the several Department of Energy Sites,” said Dr. Vahid Majidi, SRNL Director. “He has a passion for mentoring and teaching and has served as an adjunct professor at Clemson University, Florida International University, and Purdue University. He collaborates frequently with researchers and scientists to prepare and execute proposals for the development of new measurements systems/techniques.”

Dr. DiPrete was the recipient of the prestigious Don Orth Award of Merit in September 2016, is the holder of several U.S. patents and has been the author or co-author to many papers and presentations related to his work. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's in chemistry and received his Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry from the University of Kentucky.

The Distinguished Scientist Award is presented annually to recognize regional scientists and engineers who have made exceptional lifetime scientific achievements. The award is in honor of Dr. Fred C. Davison who was Chairman of CNTA's Board of Directors from 1994 until his death in 2004.

Davison was President of the University of Georgia for 19 years where he encouraged math and science education and managed the doubling of graduate enrollment. Davison was also President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Science Center Foundation, President of the Georgia-Carolina Boy Scouts Council, an elder at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, and an active Rotarian.

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