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AIChE Member Named One of “New Faces of Engineering” for 2010

New York City, February 16, 2010 - AIChE is pleased to announce that Michael Pepera, a Process Engineer for CH2M Hill in Bellingham, Washington, has been named one of the New Faces of Engineering for 2010 by The National Engineers Week Foundation.

Part of the National Engineers Week celebration, observed this year from February 14-20, “New Faces of Engineering” highlights the work of young engineers and their impact on society.

Pepera maintains a strong commitment to sustainability and focuses on reducing energy consumption through engineering design. He recently worked as the lead Programmable Logic Controller on the Round Butte Selective Water Withdrawal project, a first-of-its-kind fish collector that will help to restore the natural salmon run in Oregon’s Deschutes River and mitigate the environmental impact of energy production.

Pepera, a graduate of the University of Toledo, Ohio, became an engineer because he loves to solve problems and is inspired by seeing his designs – which can seem abstract on paper – work in real life.

Engineers help transform abstract ideas into real-world solutions,” said June Wispelwey, executive director of AIChE. “From energy and sustainability to biotechnology and nanomaterials, chemical engineers can choose from a wide range of careers. We have more than 40,000 members across the globe whose work is changing our world.”

About AIChE

AIChE is a professional society of more than 40,000 chemical engineers from over 90 countries. Its members work in corporations, universities and government using their knowledge of chemical processes to develop safe and useful products for the benefit of society.

Through its programs, AIChE continues to be a focal point for information exchange on the frontier of chemical engineering research in such areas as nanotechnology, sustainability, hydrogen fuels, biological and environmental engineering, and chemical plant safety and security. More information about AIChE is available at www.aiche.org.