

Young Leaders Committee members meet with the Emerging Leaders Alliance

In October 2008, three representatives from SME's Young Leaders Committee, Shaun Graber, Angie Harmon and Richard Bishop, gathered in Pittsburgh, PA for the inaugural meeting of the Emerging Leaders Alliance (ELA). They were joined by other young professionals from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Association for Iron and Steel Technology, the Society of Petroleum Engineers and The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society. Michael Karmis, president of AIME, and John Murphy, president of the SME Foundation, were also present.

The Emerging Leaders Alliance aims to bring young professionals from all engineering disciplines together to pool ideas and train for leadership growth. Highlights of the gathering included coaching workshops for effective use of individual leadership styles as well as short courses on team building, conflict resolution, risk assessment, social responsibility and ethical decision-making.

The meeting also featured guest presentations from industry lead-

ers including John Goodish, chief executive officer of U.S. Steel and Bob Kumpf, chief administrative officer of Bayer Material Science. According to Richard Bishop, chair of the SME Young Leaders Program, "The Emerging Leaders Alliance is a fantastic opportunity to meet with professionals from other industries and engineering disciplines, thus expanding our professional networks, while collectively working to develop our own individual leadership skills and awareness of our social

responsibility as leaders for our respective industries."

Graber also said "The Emerging Leaders training was a great opportunity to compare challenges we face in today's science and engineering industries. The networking opportunities were invaluable with peers from a variety of science and engineering fields." For more details on the Emerging Leaders Alliance, contact Mona Vandervoort, e-mail vandervoort@smenet.org, ELA representative for SME. ■



Representatives from SME at the inaugural Emerging Leaders Alliance meeting included: (l-r) Shaun Graber, Angie Harmon, Michael Karmis, John Murphy and Richard Bishop.

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of the department which was established in 1982-1983. Muthreja received the Best Faculty Award from the institute. He completed two international collaborative research projects in the area of mine environment with the Earth Resources Center at the University of Exeter, UK and the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall, UK. He is currently working on a project to convert wind energy from the exhaust of mines fans into electrical energy.

CHARLES LANDIS (SME) has been promoted to the position of technical director for Halliburton

Industrial Drilling Products. Landis will be responsible for new product development for the company's product service lines, Baroid IDP and Bentonite Performance Minerals. He will also supervise the Baroid Technical and Field Services group, a group responsible for Baroid IDP's global customer training and conducting Baroid IDP Mud Schools.

Halliburton has announced other personnel changes. **JASON BELL** has been promoted to the position of general manager for Bentonite Performance Minerals, replacing

former general manager, **STEVEN GRAY**. Gray relocated to the Netherlands to become general manager for Cebo International, a joint venture company of Halliburton and S&B Industrial Minerals. **ANDY SCHUMACHER** has been named North American manager for Baroid Industrial Drilling Products. **ED ANDERSON**, of Baroid Industrial Drilling Products, has been promoted to Eastern Hemisphere manager. **BILL PEEK**, formerly of Baroid Industrial Drilling Products, has accepted the position of general manager of FANN Instrument, a Halliburton company. ■