New honored at Irrigation Expo '92

Leon New, an agricultural engineer with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was named the Irrigation Association's 1992 Person of the Year during the IA's 1992 International Exposition and Conference, held last November in New Orleans.

This award is given annually to someone outside the irrigation industry, from government or a university, who has made outstanding contributions to further the acceptance of good irrigation practices and procedures.

Other IA honorees included Roy Rogers, senior vice president of planning and government relations for Arvida/JMB Partners of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Rogers was presented the Water and Energy Conservation Award for his work in planning, design and implementation of the irrigation system of the Weston Community in Fort Lauderdale.

Melvin George Kay — A chartered civil engineer and a senior lecturer in irrigation engineering at Silsoe College, Cranfield Institute of Technology, United Kingdom — was the IA's Crawford Reid Memorial Award winner. Kay was honored for his promotion of sound irrigation procedures outside the U.S.

Leo Ro T. Thom, CEO of T.L. Irrigation Company and Richard Reinke, founder of Reinke Manufacturing Company, both received the Industry Achievement Award, presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the irrigation industry.

The IA acknowledged nearly 50 years of dedicated service when it awarded Marion Miller a special Association Achievement Award. Miller, a founding member of the IA in 1949, is founder and president of Anderson-Miller Manufacturing Company.

The Manufacturers Representative Division of the IA named Lon Schultz as the first recipient of the Principal of the Year Award. Schultz is president and owner of Agricultural Products, Inc.

Three members of the new IA Board of Directors were ratified during the IA Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the International Irrigation Exposition and Technical Conference in New Orleans.

Sam "Bo" Duke, president of Russell Daniel Irrigation of Athens, Ga., was confirmed as treasurer of the IA. Duke served a three-year term on the Board of Directors, ending this year.

David Ransburg, chairman of L.R. Nelson Corporation of Peoria, Ill., was confirmed as an association director. Ransburg, who has been with L.R. Nelson for 20

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