

News Release

American Institute of Professional Geologists – South Dakota Section

Subject: 2009 John Paul Gries “Geologist of the Year” Award

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The South Dakota Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists is pleased to announce that Dr. Jack A. Redden, emeritus professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, has been selected to receive the 2009 John Paul Gries “Geologist of the Year” Award for his exceptional work in the field of geology. Dr. Redden recently published a landmark publication through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) titled “Maps showing geology, structure, and geophysics of the central Black Hills, South Dakota” which represents the culmination of over fifty years of geologic mapping and interpretation in the Black Hills region. Release of this publication elevates comprehension of Black Hills geology to a level of detail and accuracy never before achieved, and this publication will serve as the standard portrayal of Black Hills geology at this scale for years to come.

In addition to this latest publication, throughout his career Dr. Redden has published numerous outstanding publications on Black Hills geology and has become a leading expert on the stratigraphy, structure, and ore deposits of rocks exposed in the Black Hills uplift. Dr. Redden also has influenced and assisted thousands of students, colleagues, professional geologists, and interested lay persons, and he continues to serve as a wonderful source of geologic knowledge for those around him in his current position as emeritus professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The award was presented to Dr. Redden at the Journey Museum on March 21st, 2009.