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Ten Years of Promoting Excellence and Consensus in Water and Environmental Modeling

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The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) is a non-profit, "consensus" organization whose mission is to increase the usefulness of models for analyzing California's water-related problems with emphasis in the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed. The CWEMF, which was formed in 1994 as the Bay-Delta Modeling Forum, is celebrating its 10year anniversary at its 2004 Annual Meeting on February 24-26, 2004. Over the past ten years, the CWEMF has promoted excellence and consensus in water and environmental modeling by doing the following:

- Providing a consensus-building atmosphere on water-related issues;
- Maintaining a modeling clearinghouse that provides an open forum for the exchange, improvement, and pooling of models, modeling information, and professional resources;
- Assisting in mediating technical disputes involving physical, chemical, biological, and economic modeling;
- Conducting impartial peer reviews of models in order to document strengths and weaknesses, suggest improvements, and identify appropriate applications;
- Seeking input from California water stakeholders and decision makers about their modeling needs; and
- Providing educational opportunities through technical conferences and workshops.



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In 1994, the Modeling Forum started out as the Bav-Delta Modeling Forum. During the 2000 Annual Meeting, members voted to change the Forum's name to the California Water and Environmental **Modeling Forum** to reflect member's interest in modeling applications outside the Bay-Delta Watershed.



The Hugo B. Fischer Award, which is made in honor of the late Professor Hugo B. Fischer pioneering work on San Francisco Bay-Delta water quality modeling, is given annually for (1) the development, refinement or innovative application of a computer model or (2) furtherance of the effective use of models in planning or regulatory functions. Dr. Fischer was a recognized authority in salt-water intrusion, water pollution, heat dispersion in waterways, and the mixing of rivers and oceans. The award was conceived and endowed in 1995 by Lyle Hoag, retired Executive Director of California Urban Water Agencies, who was a co-founder of the Modeling Forum. The Hugo B. Fischer award is presented each February at the Modeling Forum's Annual Meeting

#### Hugo B. Fischer Award Winners

- 2003 Dr. Emin C. Dogrul--California Department of Water Resources
- 2002 Dr. Gerald Orlob--University of California, Davis
- Kamyar Guivetchi--California Department of Water Resources 2000
- 2001 Armin Munevar--California Department of Water Resources
- Dwight Russell--California Department of Water Resources
- 1999 Walter Bourez III -- Surface Water Resources, Inc. Jack Rowell--U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 1998
- No award given. Dr. Francis Chung--California Department of Water Resources 1997 Dr. Gregory Gartrell--Contra Costa Water District
- 1996 Dr. Ralph Cheng--U.S. Geological Survey
- Richard Denton--Contra Costa Water District 1995 Dr. Alan Jassby--University of California. Davis

