



2021 SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers

In 1871, 23 mining engineers in Pennsylvania had an idea: preserve their collective knowledge and experiences for the benefit of future engineers through a Society of similar professionals. The American Institute of Mining Engineers was born. AIME was one of the first national engineering societies established in the United States, along with ASCE (civil), ASME (mechanical), IEEE (electrical), and AIChE (chemical).

AIME created a Petroleum Division in 1922, an Iron and Steel Division in 1928, and an Institute of Metals Division in 1933. And, so, in 1957, the organization changed its name to the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and, the current Member Societies, SME (the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration), TMS (The Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society), and SPE (the Society of Petroleum Engineers), were formed from the branches of AIME.

In 1974, a fourth Member Society, the Iron and Steel Society (ISS), was added. A further evolution occurred in 1984 when the four AIME Member Societies became separately incorporated 501(c)3 organizations, like AIME. In 2004, ISS merged with AISE (Association of Iron and Steel Engineers) to form AIST (Association for Iron & Steel Technology), which remained under the AIME umbrella.

AIME's proud history includes the efforts of the foremost leaders in mineral and energy engineering: Henry Krumb, Seeley Mudd, James Douglas, Daniel Jackling, Anthony Lucas, Everette DeGolyer, Henry Doherty, and many others. Herbert Hoover, thirty-first president of the United States, was President of AIME in 1920.

Today, the AIME organizations include nearly 200,000 of the most influential and innovative figures in engineering and science. AIME's mission is to support its Member Societies. AIME activities are supported primarily by the return on investment of forty endowment funds. These funds provide support for forward-reaching programs including interdisciplinary projects and forums, awards of excellence, scholarships, and grants.

Through its Member Societies, Board of Trustees, and Staff, AIME is committed to sharing best practices and participating in collaborative opportunities to enhance the profession and society. To learn more, visit www.aimehq.org.