

Date July 23, 2010

To: AEESP Members and Friends

From: AEESP Foundation Board of Directors and the Steering Committee for the Charles R. O'Melia Distinguished Educator Award

Re: **Charles R. O'Melia - AEESP Distinguished Educator Award**

Dear Colleague:

We are very pleased to announce that the AEESP has officially established the following new award:

The Charles R. O'Melia Distinguished Educator Award recognizes the significant contributions of Professor O'Melia to environmental engineering education. Nominees for this award must be AEESP members who meet all of the following criteria: 1) a record of teaching excellence in the classroom and through graduate student advising; 2) significant research achievements that have contributed to environmental engineering knowledge; and 3) an outstanding record of influence through mentoring of former students and colleagues.

To make this award possible, a steering committee of three of Charlie's former PhDs from the University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University worked with the AEESP Foundation to establish an **Endowment Fund that will support the award in perpetuity**. Now that this fund has established more than 2/3 of the minimum necessary funding (\$62,500), the AEESP and AEESP Foundation have officially endorsed the award's establishment – see September 2010 AEESP Newsletter. In addition, AEESP will be providing a total of \$11,250 toward this award, in the form of 1:1 matching donations for the final \$22,500.

Professor Charles R. O'Melia has had a major role in the education of hundreds of students who studied environmental sciences and engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, the University of North Carolina, and Johns Hopkins University. He is a preeminent teacher, and is considered one of the leading researchers in water and wastewater treatment, aquatic colloid chemistry, and modeling of natural and engineered systems. Professor O'Melia's former students recognize him not only for his excellent teaching and research contributions, but also for his truly inspirational mentoring that impacted their professional careers and their personal lives. He had great influence on his faculty colleagues at Georgia Tech, Harvard, University of North Carolina, Johns Hopkins, and at other universities throughout the United States and throughout the world through his high academic and professional standards, philosophy, and dedication. As a result of his excellence in teaching and research and his outstanding mentoring of students and colleagues, Professor O'Melia continues to educate us through the teaching and research of his former students.

At this time, the AEESP and AEESP Foundation ask you to PLEASE CONTRIBUTE to help make this award happen for the coming academic year.

Your donation will help inspire and reward future generations of environmental engineers while honoring a major contributor to, and leader of, our profession.

How to Contribute: Tax-deductible contributions of any size are solicited for this award in Charlie's name. If you feel moved to contribute, please complete the attached form and mail it to AEESP at the address indicated. We thank you in advance for your support of this effort to advance the state of environmental engineering and science while honoring Professor Charles R. O'Melia, one of the field's outstanding leaders and educators.

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Charles R. O'Melia -
AEESP Distinguished Educator Award

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