35th Central Regional Industrial Innovation Awards Program
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Honoring Successful Innovations from the Chemical Enterprise

Because the innovations of industry are essential to a healthy economy, the American Chemical Society’s (ACS's) Industry Member Programs has instituted the Regional Industrial Innovation Awards Program. The program recognizes individuals and teams for their creative innovations that have resulted in a commercial product or process. This awards program also highlights the outstanding contributions that the profession of chemistry has given to society, as well as the corporate leadership that encouraged the dissemination of knowledge that is facilitated in these innovations.

The recipients of the 35th Central Regional Industrial Innovation Awards Program are **Dr. Daniel S. Connor** (The Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, OH) for the development of a highly soluble alkyl sulfate that provides a breakthrough in mainframe surfactant technology for detergent applications and **Dr. Sudarsanan Varaprath** (Dow Corning Corp., Midland, MI) for his contributions in understanding the environmental and biological fate of silicones.

**Dr. Daniel S. Connor** received his B.S. in chemistry from Brown University in 1960 and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1965. Dr. Connor joined The Procter & Gamble Co. in 1965, and the majority of his career has been spent investigating organic syntheses/processes with emphasis on affordable industrial scale-ups for use in laundry products. He has also studied polycarboxylates, dispersants, surfactant impurities, and surfactant syntheses.

**Dr. Sudarsanan Varaprath** received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Madras, India, his M.S. in polymer science from Wright State University in 1977, and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Colorado State University in 1981. Dr. Varaprath completed his postdoctoral research at Iowa State University in the area of organometallic chemistry, and joined Dow Corning Corp. in 1984. Dr. Varaprath currently is an associate research scientist at Dow Corning and has received 6 U.S. patents and is the author of 21 publications.

Join us in honoring Drs. Connor and Varaprath. The program will include a symposium in which the honorees will present their outstanding work and an awards ceremony in which the honorees will be formally recognized. This industrial-focused event also presents a significant networking opportunity for ACS members, industrial researchers, corporate leaders, and students.

**Symposium**
(Date/Time/Location – TBD)

**Awards Ceremony**
(Date/Time/Location – TBD)

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