

Celebrating 10 Years of Excellence



Commemorative Booklet



John Thompson,
Operations Challenge Committee Chair

From Here to There...

Provincial Competitions

- 1991 - Niagara Falls
- 1992 - Toronto
- 1993 - Toronto
- 1994 - Windsor
- 1995 - Toronto
- 1996 - Toronto
- 1997 - London
- 1998 - Toronto
- 1999 - Toronto
- 2000 - Hamilton

North American Competitions

- 1991 - Toronto
- 1992 - New Orleans
- 1993 - Anaheim
- 1994 - Chicago
- 1995 - Miami Beach
- 1996 - Dallas
- 1997 - Chicago
- 1998 - Orlando
- 1999 - New Orleans
- 2000 - Anaheim

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The WEAO Operations Challenge has grown from a fledgling event first held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, in 1991, to the present format that consistently develops provincial champions who challenge the best at the annual North American Operations Challenge.

For the uninitiated, the hands-on competition consists of five events (process control, laboratory, safety, pump maintenance, and collection systems); each designed to test the diverse skills required for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities, their collection systems, and laboratories. Events are judged and scored separately based upon the time required to complete the event, with adjustment for penalties for items not performed or performed improperly. The scores of all events are totalled and the winning team selected. The two top teams from Ontario go on to compete at the WEFTEC Challenge in the autumn of each year.

The Challenge provides a forum in which wastewater operators are able to showcase their talents and demonstrate the high level of technical expertise and knowledge they bring to the workplace. It also provides an opportunity for operators from across the province to get together, have a lot of laughs, and exchange a few tall tales.

The 2000 Operations Challenge Committee is pleased to present this special edition Commemorative Booklet, in honour of the tenth anniversary of the competition. This booklet provides a retrospective of our achievements at both the Provincial and North American Challenges. It is our hope that it will also bring back pleasant memories and encourage future participation.

The Commemorative Booklet is, above all, a celebration of ten years of excellence.

John C. Thompson
2000 Operations Challenge Chair

Presidential messages...



January 9, 2000

Mr. John Thompson
Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant
9 Leslie St.
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4M3M9



RE: Tenth Operations Challenge in Ontario

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you and the Water Environment Association of Ontario on their tenth Operations Challenge at your Annual Conference.

As a wastewater plant operator myself, I am pleased this program has been very instrumental in recognizing the professionalism of the wastewater operators across North America and around the world. The teams from Ontario have consistently achieved the three main original goals and purposes of the Operations Challenge. Those original purposes are: Demonstrate the skills and professionalism of operators; Promote education of operators and the audience; and Provide an exciting and challenging competition of skill.

I congratulate the WEA of Ontario in your long dedication to the competition and to the efforts of all the teams that have and will be involved. Through this type of participation the goals of the Operations Challenge can continue to be achieved.

Good luck on your Annual Conference and my sincere appreciation in your efforts for the tenth Operations Challenge in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Al Goodman, P.E.
Certified Operator and
WEF President

Cc: Mr. Tony Ho, President, Water Environment Association of Ontario

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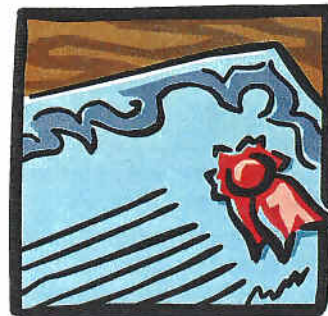
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Water Environment Association of Ontario
Organizing Committee Chairs, Members,
Judges and Participants

Re: It's Your 10th Year Anniversary

Congratulations to all the past and present Operations Challenge organizing committee chairs, members, judges and participants for a marvelous job that you have done for ten years in a row.

Without question, the Operations Challenge is the most exciting event of our annual conference. Its adds vitality to the conference and renders the equipment exhibition booths around the competition area to become the hottest real estate properties of the conference. Most importantly, however, the event provides a forum to showcase and acknowledge the professionalism and skills of our operators. You are the people who make the 450 plus sewage treatment plants in Ontario perform reliably and efficiently day after day which is so critical to enable Ontario to enjoy a clean water environment and sustainable development at the same time.

Behind every successful event, is a group of capable and dedicated organizers. You plan every task down to the last detail, promote the event to the municipal managers and councils for support, motivate operators to train and participate in the events and solicit funding and donations to send our best teams to compete at the WEFTEC. I can assure you that you have the utmost respect and gratitude from the Boards and our membership.

Continue with your excellent efforts and don't forget to enjoy and take pride for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Tony Ho
President, 1999 -2000

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