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ANTHONY F. LUCAS GOLD MEDAL

Established in 1936

Recognizes distinguished achievement in improving the technique and practice of finding or producing petroleum.

Established in memory of Captain Anthony Francis Lucas, a native of Dalmatia, Australia, who came to the United States in 1870 and became a citizen in 1885. A mining engineer, his activities were at first in Colorado and later in salt mining at Petit Anse and Belle Isle, Louisiana. During his salt investigations, his attention was directed toward the possibility of oil in the Gulf Coast region. In 1901 his well, the *Lucas Gusher*, on Spindletop, Texas started a new era in the oil business and his reputation as discoverer made him famous throughout the world. Captain Lucas was Chairman of the Petroleum and Gas Committee of the Institute in 1914, 1915, 1918 and 1919 and was at all times prominent in Institute affairs.

The Award Fund was established by contributions from admirers of Captain Lucas. In 1952 a generous contribution to the Fund was received from a major oil company that wished to remain anonymous. The Society of Petroleum Engineers has also subsidized the Award Fund.

The Award is a 3" gold-plated medal, bearing the likeness of Anthony F. Lucas and on which the recipient's name and year of presentation are inscribed, and a certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement.

Committee of Award consists of six members of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, two of whom are appointed annually by the President-Elect of the Society, subject to approval of the SPE Board of Directors at its September/October meeting. The tenure of office is three years.

Committee appointments are confined to members interested in the finding or production of petroleum, distributed as widely as practicable geographically, foreign members not excluded.

The chairman of the committee is selected from the senior group of membership. His name is submitted to the SPE Board of Directors at its September/October meeting by the President of the Society.

Any vacancy occurring on the committee is filled by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the next ensuing meeting of the Board.

Presented at the Annual Banquet held during the Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers.