

Dr. Robert D. Hatcher Jr.

awarded the 2014 AGI/AGIF

Marcus Milling

Legendary Geoscientist Medal



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Dr. Robert D. Hatcher Jr. was awarded the 2014 American Geosciences Institute/American Geosciences Institute Foundation Marcus Milling Legendary Geoscientist Medal on April 6, 2014, at the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Opening Session/Awards Ceremony held during the AAPG annual meeting in Houston.

Dr. Hatcher, currently associated with the University of Tennessee, achieved legendary status for his lifetime of commitment to field-scale mapping, combined with the latest geochemical, isotopic and modeling techniques, which has helped define structural geology and tectonics for the next generation.

Bob, as he is known by his friends and colleagues, earned his B.A. and M.S. degrees in geology in 1961 and 1962 respectively from Vanderbilt University. He continued his education with a Ph.D. in 1965 in structural geology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. His work experience began with a short stint at Humble Oil and Refining Company and then on to academia. He was on the faculty of Clemson University from 1966-1978. In 1978 he began teaching at Florida State University and then in 1980 at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Finally in 1986 he moved to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His relationship with ORNL terminated in 2000 but he remains on the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

He has served on several Geological Society of America and National Academy of Science committees. He has been President of both GSA (1993) and AGI (1996). He was also honored with the Ian Campbell and Penrose medals in 2006.