

June Ling

June Ling, who receives the Melvin R. Green Codes and Standards Medal this year, picked up a copy of the *New York Times* in 1974 and read a small recruiting ad asking for a recent engineering or physical science grad to call ASME.

That's when she met Mel Green, who as long-time managing director of ASME Codes & Standards was an advocate of international industrial standards.

The medal named for him recognizes outstanding contributions to the development, promulgation, or management of documents, objects, or devices used in ASME programs of technical codification, standardization, and conformity assessment; or to the acceptance of ASME codes and standards within the United States or internationally.

"When I was informed of being this year's recipient I was very honored and humbled, and I struggled with that a bit," she said.

As she explained it: "We hit a milestone this year, and that milestone was, for the first time in the history of ASME, we certified more manufacturers outside the United States than within the United States. And that truly is a milestone that was achieved through the efforts of many. I came to the realization that the honor is for ASME Standards and Certification staff. That's when I became comfortable with it."

Ms. Ling is the associate executive director for Standards and Certification at ASME in New York and has overall responsibility for the development and advancement of ASME codes, standards, conformity assessment, and training programs. She is being recognized for outstanding leadership and contributions as the principal driving force in maintaining ASME's position as the pre-eminent private sector standards

developer in the field of mechanical engineering and related disciplines, and also for an unparalleled understanding of the industrial, commercial, and regulatory intricacies in this field as demonstrated by worldwide recognition and respect as the face of ASME codes, standards, and certification programs.

An ASME Fellow, Ms. Ling serves on the Standards and Certification board of directors. Her earlier roles at ASME include director of Nuclear and Safety Codes and Standards, director of Pressure Technology Codes and Standards, and managing director of operations.

Ms. Ling has served on boards of various standards-related organizations, including the American National Standards Institute and the

National Fire Protection Association, and congressional staff, which resulted in the passage of the U.S. Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2004 (PL 108-237), providing all standards organizations greater relief under the antitrust laws; establishing a formal standards organizations consortium presence in China through a U.S. Department of Commerce Market Development Cooperator Program grant in October 2004; and advancing the understanding and use of ASME standards and conformity assessment on a global basis.

She is a Fellow of the Standards Engineering Society and an honorary member of ASTM. Others honors include the William T. Cavanaugh Memorial Award from ASTM International (2003) and

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Uniform Boiler and Pressure Vessel Law Society. She is currently a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Standards and Technical Trade Barriers, jointly organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative. She has testified before federal commissions and congressional committees on standards related matters. Through the 1990s, she served on various bilateral and multilateral government-to-government delegations and missions—activities that included the European Union, Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, and Argentina.

Past achievements include leading an effort involving ASME, ASTM, the

ANSI's Austin Polk International Standards Medal (2009).

Ms. Ling received a bachelor's degree in physics at the City College of New York in 1974. ■

This medal was established in 1976 as the Codes and Standards Medal and renamed in 1996 to honor the memory of Melvin R. Green.