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ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS FRANCOIS FIESSINGER Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

Washington, D.C. - During its fall meeting held on August 24 in Alexandria, Virginia, the Environmental Research and Education Foundation's (EREF) Board of Directors awarded its 2001 Francois Fiessinger Scholarships to Alexander Orlov, a Ph.D. student enrolled at Cambridge University, United Kingdom (EREF's first international student) and Richard Statom, a Ph.D. student attending the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado.

- Alexander Orlov was born in Vinnitsa, Ukraine. The inspiration for his dedication to environmental science stems from the explosion at the Chernobyl atomic station in Kiev in April 1986, which occurred only 60 miles from his hometown. He holds Bachelor and Masters of Science in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Ukraine, a Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Philosophy in Physical Chemistry from Cambridge University. He will be completing his Ph.D. research at Cambridge University, concentrating on new methods for groundwater clean up.
- Richard Statom was born in Florence, Alabama. He started working in the environmental field as an undergraduate student in 1977 with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. After receiving a Masters of Science degree, he spent over fifteen years working in environmental management with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, Florida. Richard holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of South Alabama and a Masters of Science in Geology from Mississippi State University. He is conducting his Ph.D. research on the evolution of leachate and hydrology of landfills at the Colorado School of Mines.

"The Fiessinger Scholarship was established in memory of a leading scientist in the waste industry, Dr. Francois Fiessinger. Deserving and remarkable Ph.D. students, Messrs. Orlov and Statom have been selected to continue the tradition of high quality scientific research in the resource and waste management industry," said Dr. Deborah C. Hockman (Silliker Laboratories, Homewood, Ill.), interim chairman, EREF scholarship committee. "It is with great pride that the foundation awards these scholarships in memory of one of its founding members," she added.

In memory of Francois Fiessinger, Ph.D., scholarships are awarded by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation to support the work of outstanding students interested in excellence in environmental research and science.

The mission of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation is to develop environmental solutions for the future through research and education. Its endowment provides the financial base for a sustainable series of significant projects and scholarships.

A list of grants and scholarships funded to date, and EREF's grant and scholarship guidelines are available online at www.erefndn.org.

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