

Tim Madhanagopal gets WEF and NSPE awards

Tim Madhanagopal, a plant manager with Orange County Utilities, Florida, received three awards this year for his contributions to engineering and the community.

The latest laurel Madhanagopal was accorded was the Public Education Award of Water Environment Federation, an international technical and educational organization with 32,000 individual members and 80 affiliated member associations representing an additional 50,000 water quality professionals throughout the world.

The award recognizes WEF members for significant accomplishments in promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues among the public, through the development of, and implementation of, public education programs.

Madhanagopal was also honored by the National Society of Professional Engineers with its 2007 Distinguished Service Award.

The award recognizes NSPE members for their exceptional contributions to the engineering profession, to their communities, and to NSPE. Candidates must be recommended by an NSPE state society, with endorsement from two other state societies to display that the candidates and their work are known beyond their own states. He was presented the award at NSPE's recent annual conference in Denver, Colorado.

In April, his alma mater, the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, India (formerly, the Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli) recognized him with its Distinguished Alumni Award. The

NIT Alumni Association selected him for the award in the Engineering and Services category.

As a plant manager with Orange County Utilities he manages advanced water reclamation facilities that provide cost-effective and environmentally sound water reclamation and reuse programs in Central Florida.

The Eastern Water Reclamation Facility he helped design, is considered as a model facility and is included in the United Nations technical source book as a reference for the benefit of developing nations.

Last year NSPE recognized Madhanagopal with its Pegasus award (also known as the Government Engineer of the Year

Award), and selected him as one of its 2006 Fellows. The Pegasus - Professional Engineers in Government Achievement and Service in the United States - award honors a professional engineer employed by a state, regional, county, special district, or municipal government, who has made the most outstanding contribution to the advancement and practice of engineering in the US.

NSPE is the national society of engineering professionals from all disciplines that promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure, and enhances the image and well-being of

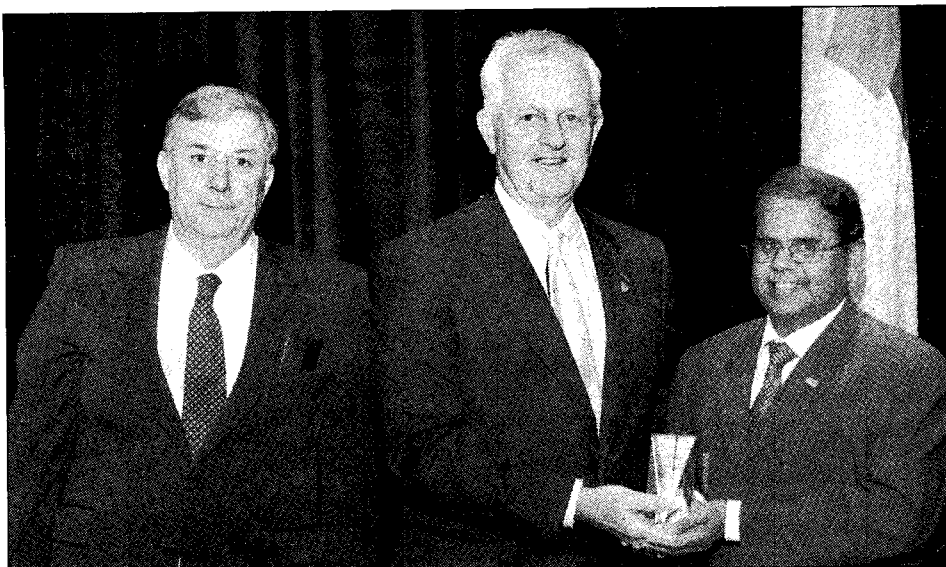
its members. Founded in 1934, NSPE serves more than 44,000 members and the public through 53 state and territorial societies and more than 500 chapters.

Madhanagopal holds a BE in civil engineering from NIT, MSCE in environmental engineering from Wayne State University, Michigan and an MBA from University of Central Florida. He is a member of professional and technical societies, including the American Society of Civil Engineers, Water Environment Federation, American Water Works Association, and American Public Works Association.

Other awards he received for his achievements include the Engineer of the Year honor from the Florida section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2005; the Water Environment Federation's 'Quarter Century Operator' in 2003; and one of the 'Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year' from the American Public Works Association in 2003.

He is a supporter of several youth programs that promote engineering, such as Mathcounts, the Boy Scouts, and science fair events. He also serves as a mentor to college students pursuing engineering, and recently served as chairman of the University of Central Florida's College of Engineering Minority Engineering Program Industry Advisory Committee, which seeks to improve minority student participation in the engineering curriculum.

He is the founder and past president of Muthamizh Sangam, an Indian cultural organization, and recently served as the chairman of the Asian American Heritage Council.



■ Tim Madhanagopal, right, is presented the NSPE award by Bob Miller, NSPE's past president. At left is Lawrence Jacobson, its executive director

