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Hydraulic Institute Honors Michel Cropper

**Michael Cropper announced as Hydraulic Institute Member of the Year**

Michael Cropper, Sulzer Pumps Global Product Development Manager, has been named 2007 Member of the Year by The Hydraulic Institute, North America's largest pump association and global authority on pumps and pumping systems, during its recent Annual Meeting.

Michael was chosen for his significant contributions to the Hydraulic Institute over the past four years. Since joining the association in 2003, he has driven the efforts to revise and expand the organization's standard ***Rotodynamic (Centrifugal) Pumps Design and Application***.

"Michael Cropper deserves this honor for his ongoing assistance to fellow committee members, achieving target milestones and managing the overall development of the document," said Gregg Romanyshyn, technical director for the Hydraulic Institute. "Under his guidance, the standard has expanded from 92 to 200 pages and is now available for purchase at the HI e-Store. This standard is essential for anyone who wants to learn more about rotodynamic pump design. It includes centrifugal, mixed flow, and axial type pumps, regenerative turbines, and Pitot tube pumps.

In addition to his work on the Rotodynamic (Centrifugal) Pumps Design and Application subcommittee, Michael has helped chair and actively participated in numerous other organization initiatives. This includes co-chairing the Pump Applications Guidelines Committee and vice-chairing the Joint Centrifugal/Vertical Pumps and Vibration Committees. While working with the Technical Affairs, Driver & Driver Controls, Housing, Monitoring Devices, Viscosity Correction and Pump Efficiency Prediction Committees among others, he also served as a contributing reviewer on the Department of Energy (DOE) ***Improving Pumping System Performance: A Sourcebook for Industry***.

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### **Note to Editors:**

*Sulzer Pumps develops and supplies centrifugal pumps worldwide. Intensive research and development in fluid dynamics, process-oriented products, and special materials as well as reliable service solutions help the division maintain its leading position in its focus market segments. Its customers come from the oil and gas, hydrocarbon processing, power generation, pulp and paper, water distribution and treatment sectors, as well as from specialized areas in the food, metals, and fertilizer businesses.*

*The company has a network of manufacturing and packaging facilities in 15 countries with sales offices, service centers and representatives in more than 150 countries around the world. A global leader in its selected markets, Sulzer Pumps received orders totaling some 1 263.9 million Euros (2 076.9 CHF) and employed 5 686 people (FTE) worldwide in 2007*

*The **Hydraulic Institute (HI)**, the largest association of pump producers in North America, is a global authority on pumps and pumping systems. Its mission is to serve as a forum for the exchange of industry information, while providing value-added services to member companies and pump users worldwide. This includes the development and delivery of comprehensive industry standards as well as the expansion of knowledge that effectively advances the application, testing, installation, operation and maintenance of pumps and pumping systems. Introduced in 2006.*

*Pump Systems Matter™ was also developed by HI as an educational initiative created to assist North American pump users gain a more competitive business advantage through strategic, broad-based energy management and pump system performance optimization.*

*Information about the Hydraulic Institute, its services, standards, publications and meetings, can be found at [www.Pumps.org](http://www.Pumps.org) and [www.PumpLearning.org](http://www.PumpLearning.org), and at the new energy-savings and systems optimization focused site, [www.PumpSystemsMatter.org](http://www.PumpSystemsMatter.org). Requests may also be faxed to (973) 267-9055 or mailed to: Hydraulic Institute, 9 Sylvan Way, Parsippany, NJ 07054.*

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