

Photos from the 2008 Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture



Aquatic scientist Dr. Nancy N. Rabalais, a hypoxia expert, was the fifteenth recipient of the NWRI Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize for excellence in water research. Dr.

Rabalais is Executive Director and Professor of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium in Chauvin, Louisiana, which provides coastal laboratory facilities to Louisiana universities and conducts research and educational programs in the marine sciences.



The Fifteenth Annual Clarke Prize Lecture and Award Ceremony was held on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at the Hilton Waterfront beach Resort in Huntington Beach, California.



Clarke Prize Laureates at the 2008 Award Ceremony included: (front row) Dr. George Tchobanoglous, awardee Dr. Nancy Rabalais, and Dr. Menachem Elimelech; (second row) Dr. James Barnard, Dr. Perry McCarty, and Dr. Philip Singer; (last row) Dr. Joan Rose, Dr. Charles O'Melia, Dr. Walter Weber, and Dr. Harry Ridgway.



Dr. Rabalais enjoys a hug from her family, including husband and colleague Gene Turner (left), before the celebrations begin at the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony.



At the Clarke Prize Ceremony reception, Dr. Rabalais views the many proclamations and congratulatory letters she received from university presidents, congressmen, senators, the Governors of California and Louisiana, and the President of the United States.



At the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony in July 2008, California's Lieutenant Governor, John Garamendi, presented Dr. Rabalais with an official State of California resolution asking all Californians to recognize Dr. Rabalais's achievements in the field of water science.



Dr. Nancy Rabalias receives the Clarke Prize medallion and \$50,000 check from award patron and NWRI co-founder, Mrs. Joan Irvine Smith.



On stage at the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony were (from left) Russell Penniman, Jeff Mosher of NWRI, awardee Dr. Nancy Rabalais, prize patron Mrs. Joan Irvine Smith, Morton Smith, and Dr. Joan Rose.



Dr. Rabalais presented the 2008 Clarke Prize Lecture on Ecosystem Science Informs Sound Policy ... or Does It?, which highlighted the critical need to improve water quality to control hypoxia, or severe oxygen depletion in lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water, such as the Gulf of Mexico.



Over 120 guests attended the Fifteenth Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture honoring Dr. Nancy Rabalais, which included a reception and dinner. Pictured here are (from left) David Furukawa, Dr. Soroosh Sorooshian, and Dr. Stephen Lyon.



Dr. Nancy Rabalais, the 2008 Clarke Prize recipient, with members of the Clarke Prize Executive Committee. (From left) Dr. George Tchobanoglous, Dr. Roy Spalding, Dr. Nancy Rabalais, Dr. Joan Rose, and Dr. Rhodes Trussell.