

James H. Dooley Elected to Office of ASABE President for 2008-2009

Auburn, WA – May 1, 2007 - Dr. James H. (Jim) Dooley was elected by the members of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) to be the association's president for 2008-2009. ASABE is an international educational and scientific organization with more than 9,000 members dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to biological, food, and agricultural systems.

Dooley is nationally recognized for applying sound science and disciplined engineering design to problems in agriculture, forestry and the natural resources. Dr. Dooley is currently Chief Technology Officer and co-founder of Forest Concepts, LLC (www.forestconcepts.com). Forest Concepts specializes in development forest products and markets to better utilize small-diameter timber and to ensure a cost-effective supply of woody biomass to biorefinery, bioenergy and bioproducts firms. Forest Concepts' major products include WoodStraw™ wood-strand erosion control material and the ELWd® line of wood structures for stream restoration and endangered species habitat improvement. Dr. Dooley holds engineering degrees from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Univ. of California at Davis, and a PhD in forest resources/forest engineering from the University of Washington. He is a registered professional engineer in Washington and Hawaii, first achieving registration in 1976. Dooley has been awarded five United States Patents.

Dr. Dooley looks forward to his year as the president of the ASABE organization. "During 2007 ASABE is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the many achievements of members across the past century. ASABE enters its second century at an exciting time and with unbounded professional opportunity. We enter an era of global collaboration and mobility, transitions to biobased economies, increased protection of our limited natural resources, and pursuit of technologies appropriate to feed, clothe and shelter burgeoning populations. I am confident that current and future members of the agricultural and biological engineering professions are up to the challenges that lie ahead."

Dr. Dooley is a Fellow of ASABE, the Society for Engineering in Agricultural, Food, and Biological Systems. He served as the Year 2000 President of the Institute of Biological Engineering. Dooley is also a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Forest Products Society and the Licensing Executive Society.

ASABE is an international educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to biological, food, and agricultural systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members representing more than 100 countries. The Society is recognized internationally for its technical leadership in all areas of biological, food, and agricultural engineering: natural resources, food and bioprocesses, power systems and machinery, structures and environment, information and electrical technology, energy, biological systems, nursery and greenhouse operations, aquaculture, forestry, and farm safety. ASABE is a world leader in the development of engineering standards for agriculture, with more than 200 standards, engineering practices, and data documents in publication. ASABE's standardization process is open, voluntary, and accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and numerous ASABE documents are recognized as American National Standards.

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