

BEST ORAL PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS

At each conference, WMS recognizes the two best oral presentations/papers. To honor high quality presentations, the American Nuclear Society (ANS) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) presents an award for the Best Presentations/Papers.

2023		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Leveraging Machine Learning and Imaging Technologies for Autonomous Container Inspection" Authors: Steven Lukow, Ross Lee, David Grow, Joseph Hafen, Jonathat Gigax, Los Alamos National Laboratory	"Developing a Single-Shell Tank Performance Assessment Model for Hanford Tank Farms" Authors: Kearn Lee, David Watson, Marcel Bergeron, Washington River Protection Solutions; Trevor Budge, Mart Oostrom, INTERA, Inc.	
2022		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Performance of a Scaled Tank Side Cesium Removal Test System at High Solids Loading" Authors: Philip Schonewill, Phillip Gauglitz, Richard Daniel, Carolyn Burns, Stephen Davidson, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Matt Landon, Washington River Protection Solutions	"Mobile Platform for Structural Health Monitoring Using Convolutional Neural Network" Authors: Himanshu Upadhyay, Santosh Joshi, Roger Boza, Walter Quintero, Leonel Lagos, Applied Research Center - FIU	
2021		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Biofouling in a Chromium Plume-Control Interim Measure Extraction Well at Los Alamos National Laboratory" Authors: Brinson Willis, Giday WoldeGabriel, Danny Katzman, Paul Reimus, Tech2 Solutions/Newport News Nuclear, BWXT (N3B), Los Alamos	"Problematic Waste: The Road to Implementing Improved Management Solutions: a UK Case History" Authors: Mark Cowper, Marc Rigby, Irina Tanase, Radioactive Waste Management; Matthew Buckley, NDA; Helen Cassidy, Holly Cresswell, Tom Fletcher, Oliver Steele, LLW Repository Ltd; Jenny Kent, Sally Scourfield, Galson Sciences Ltd	
2020		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"When Every Drum is a Win – Tackling a Thirty-Five Thousand Drum Legacy" Authors: Rebecca Peters, Thomas Smith, Lori Southern, Clarence Lee, Cameco Corporation	"A Preliminary Radiological Risk Assessment Model for Disposition of Remote-Handled Transuranic Wastes at LANL Area G" Authors: John Tauxe, Doug Anderson, Aaron Bandler, Paul Black, Hayley Brittingham, Kelly Crowell, Paul Duffy, Aharon Fleury, Leslie Gains-Germain, Terry Jennings, Amy Jordon, Robert Lee, Daniel Levitt, Patti Meeks, Gregg Occhiogrosso, Ralph Perona, Amy Rice, Randall Ryti, Christopher Schaupp, Neptune and Company	

2019		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"CNL Technologies for Heavy Water Detritiation" Authors: Laura Merlo-Sosa, Hugh Boniface, Richard Prokopowicz, Sam Suppiah, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories	"Methodology for Volume Reduction of Radioactive Metallic Waste" Authors: J. Clara Wren, Thao Do, Jiju Joseph, University of Western Ontario	
2018		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Evaluation of Novel Leaching Assessment for Nuclear Waste Glasses" Authors: Claire Corkhill, Clare Thorpe, Colleen Mann, Adam Fisher, Russell Hand, Neil Hyatt, University of Sheffield; Brian Riley, Michael Schweiger, Jodi Mayer, Christina Arendt, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Albert Kruger, US DOE; David Kosson, Vanderbilt University	"Characterization of Highly Active Cells in Preparation for Post Operational Clean Out at Sellafield" Authors: Philip Archer, Sellafield Ltd; Tom Page, Cerberus Nuclear Limited; Daniel Parvin, Cavendish Nuclear	
2017		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Radioactive Contamination Tenacity on Building Substrate" Authors: Rick Demmer, Idaho National Laboratory; Colin Boxall, Lancaster University	"Characterization of Highly Active Cells in Preparation for Post Operational Clean Out at Sellafield" Authors: Philip Archer, Sellafield Ltd; Tom Page, Cerberus Nuclear Limited; Daniel Parvin, Cavendish Nuclear	
20	16	
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Effect of Feed Composition on Cold-Cap Formation in Laboratory-Scale Melter" Authors: Derek Dixon, Michael Schweiger, SeungMin Lee, Jayven Heilman-Moore, Pavel Hrm, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	"Robotic Grasp Assistance for Decontamination and Decommissioning Tasks: Initial Applications with RoboGlove" Authors: Joshua Mehling, Jonathan Rogers, Christopher Beck, NASA-Johnson Space Center	
20	15	
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"The Development and Initial Testing of the Ice Pig Cleaning Method for Nuclear Reprocessing Plants" Authors: Alex Jenkins, Sellafield Ltd; Joe Quarini, Dan McBryde, University of Bristol	"RO Concentrated Water Treatment Equipment for Risk Reduction of Contaminated Water Stored in Tank in Fukushima NPS" Authors: Yuko Kani, Mamoru Kamoshida, Fumio Takahashi, Hitachi, Ltd; Takashi Asano, Takashi Nishi, Yusuke Kitamoto, Takako Sumiya, Kenji Noshita, Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd	
2014		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Flux Based Evaluation of Perched-Water in the Deep Vadose Zone at the Hanford Site" Authors: Michael Truex and Mart Oostrom, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	"Uncertainty in Decommissioning, the Benefits of 3D Simulation" Authors: Lawrence Wharmby, Luc Ardellier OREKA Solutions	
2013		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
"Communicating Performance Assessments Results" Author: Mark Layton, Savannah River Remediation LLC	"Methods for Reduction of the Minimal Detectable Activity in Neutron Assay of High Mass/High Z Objects" Authors: Alan Simpson and Martin Clapham, Pajarito Scientific Corporation	

2012		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: Dawn Wellman, Kirk Cantrell, Mark Freshley, Michael Truex, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Evan Dresel, Future Farming Systems Research Division	Authors: Sanghoon Lee, Woo-Seok Choi, Ki-Young Kim, Je- Eon Jeon, Ki Seog Seo, Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute	
20	11	
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: David Hobbs, Kathryn Taylor-Pashow, Fernando Fondeur, Savannah River National Laboratory; Samuel Fink, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC	Authors: Dawn Wellman, Shas Mattigod, Lirong Zhong, Ann Miracle, Fred Tilton, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Susan Hubbard, Yuxin Wu, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Martin Foote, MSE Technology Applications	
2010		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: Earl Easton, Christopher Bajwa, US NRC	Authors: John Morse, Michael Thompson, US DOE; Scott Petersen, CH2M HILL PRC; Matthew Tonkin, S.S. Papadopulos & Associates, Inc.	
2009		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Author: Joseph Podlaha, Nuclear Research Institute Rex PLC	Authors: Kenneth Krupka, Kirk Cantrell, Todd Schaef, Bruce Arey, William Deutsch, Michael Lindberg, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Steve Heald, Argonne National Laboratory	
2008		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: Leah Spradley, Mark Abkowitz, James Clarke, Vanderbilt University	Author: Sean White, Washington Regulatory and Environmental Services	
2007		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: Keith Witwer, Eric Dysland, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc., Geomelt Division; Larry Bagaasen, Steve Schlata, Dong-Sang Kim, Mike Schweiger, Pavel Hrma, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	Authors: Jhon Carilli, Gary Pyles, US DOE National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office; Susan Krenzien, Navarro Research and Engineering; John Wrapp, National Security Technologies, LLC	
2006		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Author: J. Wagner- Fluor Fernald	Authors: D. W. Esh, A. C. Ridge, M. Thaggard, US NRC	
2005		
ANS Award	ASME Award	
Authors: Ryan A. Wymore, Lance N. Peterson, North Wind, Inc.; Kent S. Sorenson, Jr., CDM	Authors: Margaret MacDonell, John Peterson, Andrew Davidson, Argonne National Laboratory; Shanna Collie, Tetra Tech EM, Inc.	