



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Center welcomes *Huntsman Corporation* as one of the supporting members. **Ms. Carol Treibel**, Vice President of Chemicals at *Huntsman Corporation* presented **Dr. Ray Anthony**, Chemical Engineering Department Head and **Dr. Sam Mannan**, Director of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center, with a check representing 1998 membership dues.



left to right: Dr. Sam Mannan, Ms. Carol Treibel and Dr. Ray Anthony



left to right: Dr. Sam Mannan, Mr. Ichiro Miyamoto and Dr. Ray Anthony

The Center is also pleased to welcome *Japan Energy Corporation* as a new member. **Mr. Ichiro Miyamoto**, General Manager of the Environment and Safety Department, presented **Dr. Anthony** and **Dr. Mannan** with a check for 1998 membership dues. Others who have joined the Center recently include *BASF Corporation*, *Ashland Chemical Company*, and *Celanese*.

I am also very excited and pleased to inform you that the Center has established a Software Laboratory. The objectives for establishing the Software Laboratory are three-fold. First, the software and computer models can be used by students taking Process Safety courses to solve real-world problems. Second, graduate students can use the programs for research and analysis. Finally, the laboratory also serves a useful purpose for industry visits and Continuing Education courses. At present, the following software donated by various companies is available:

- PlantSafe from *Geosphere Emergency Response Systems*
- Canary from *Quest Consultants*
- MockingBird from *Warren-Forthought, Inc.*
- ChemScreen from *APEX Safety Engineers*

The Center is in the process of acquiring other software for the software laboratory. Brief summaries of each software's capabilities will be provided in the next newsletter. We appreciate the generosity of each company for providing the Center with their respective software.

We are also indebted to the following organizations for cosponsoring the 1998 Annual Symposium. Without the support and financial assistance of these organizations, the Symposium would definitely not have been such a huge success.

- *AcuTech, Inc.*
- *American Institute of Chemical Engineers, South Texas Section*
- *Arthur D. Little, Inc.*
- *Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office, USEPA*
- *General Physics Corporation*
- *McDermott, Will & Emery*
- *Quest Consultants, Inc.*
- *RMT, Inc.*
- *Warren-Forthought, Inc.*

M. Sam Mannan
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