



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We, at the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center appreciate the support and assistance given to us by various organizations and individuals. This support comes in many forms without which many of the activities of the Center would not be possible. A major part of the support for various programs and activities of the Center comes from annual membership dues. Organizations can become members of the Center at the Partner, Sponsor, or Advisor level. Small business and individual memberships are also available. Details about membership benefits, membership criteria, and annual dues are available on request.

The Center recently welcomed Dow Chemical Company as one of the supporting members. On June 13, 2000, Mr. Tim Overton of Dow presented a check representing 2000 membership dues.

During the check presentation, Mr. Overton said, "Dow strongly supports the mission of the Center and believes the Center can help bring about the paradigm shift needed to improve safety performance."

Preparations for the 2000 Annual Symposium are proceeding according to plan. Starting this year,

the Symposium has been moved to the more spacious Reed Arena on the Texas A&M campus. The Symposium will be held on October 24-25, 2000.

Dr. Trevor Kletz is returning as the keynote speaker for the first day. On the second day, Mr. Dave D'Antoni, Senior Vice President of Ashland, Inc. will provide the keynote address.

The research program at the Center also continues to thrive and produce significant results. Currently, seven PhD students are in various stages of their program. There are several other students



*Mr. Tim Overton of Dow Chemical presenting check to Dr. Sam Mannan*

completing their MS program. Passaporn Sukmarg successfully defended her MS thesis this summer. Her thesis title is, "Effect of Operating Conditions and Orifice Size on Formation and Behavior of Aerosols from Heat Transfer Fluids." Passaporn will go to work for Bayer Corporation starting August 1, 2000.

We wish her success in her professional and personal life. The reactive chemicals group is currently conducting research on the reactivity of hydroxylamine. Some summary findings are presented elsewhere in this newsletter. Detailed research results have been submitted for publication in a technical journal.

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