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**Local Water Quality Professional Named 2016 WEF Fellow**

*Designation Recognizes Achievement, Stature, and Contributions in Water Quality*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – James R. Mihelcic, Ph.D. of the University of South Florida (Tampa) was named as a recipient of the prestigious 2016 WEF Fellows designation, which recognizes Water Environment Federation (WEF) members' achievements, stature, and contributions in the water profession. WEF Fellows are recognized in various areas of expertise including, but not limited to design, education, operations, regulation, research, utility management, and leadership.

"WEF Fellows have made significant professional accomplishments and contributions toward preserving and enhancing the global water environment," said WEF Executive Director Eileen O'Neill. "The Federation is pleased to recognize these outstanding professionals for the substance of their impact on clean water."

Dr. Mihelcic is the Samuel L. and Julia M. Flom Professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida. There he directs a program in International Development Engineering and the National Research Center for Water and Wastewater. He is also an expert in the area of global water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH) to better serve developing world communities and help achieve the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Mihelcic is a Board Certified Environmental Engineering Member, a past president and Fellow with the Association of Environmental Engineers and Science Professors (AEESP), and recently completed a six-year term as a Board

Trustee for the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists (AAEES). He is currently serving a second term as a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chartered Science Advisory Board.

The 2016 WEF Fellows will be recognized during WEFTEC® 2016, WEF's 89th annual technical exhibition and conference to be held September 24-28 at New Orleans Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La. Click <http://www.wef.org/wefellowsprogram/> for more information about the WEF Fellows Recognition Program.