

NLGI India Presents Dr. Raj Shah with Singular Honor

Dr. Raj Shah, Director at Koehler Instrument Company, New York, was recently honored by the NLGI India chapter with its inaugural, Long Service Award, at its 20th Annual meeting held in Amritsar, India. The NLGI India chapter, which is headquartered at the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, R & D Centre, in Faridabad, has throughout the last 20 years, grown exponentially and currently represents the best of the Indian lubricant and grease industry.

Dr. Shah was presented the award, along with the traditional shawl of honor, by Mr. Chandavarkar, CEO of Standard Greases and current president of NLGI India, due to his steadfast support and involvement in the NLGI India chapter for the last two decades. In his acceptance speech, after Dr. Shah, sincerely thanked his employer and both the board of directors of NLGI and those of the NLGI India chapter for this singular honor, he went on to say, "In NLGI India, I have witnessed unique passion, not merely shared but, perpetuated with zeal and commitment by the able group of volunteers and leaders present here, who have my unflinching admiration and gratitude, and to this commendable team that has galvanized this organization, I would like to dedicate this award."

Dr. Raj Shah, is a Fellow of NLGI, STLE and the Energy Institute and is an Eagle Award recipient from ASTM International. A previous recipient, also, of the ASTM Award of Excellence thrice in his career thus far, Dr. Shah was not long ago conferred the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT Mumbai), and the status of a Chartered Scientist from the Science council, UK. He recently stepped down, after serving for more than 15 years with the NLGI board of directors, but is currently still instrumental in working closely with several universities: He is on the industrial advisory board at: The Department of Chemical Engineering at the State University of New York, Stony Brook; The School of Engineering, Design, Technology and Professional programs (SEDTAPP) at Pennsylvania State University, his alma mater; and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Tribology and Lubrication science minor at the Auburn University. He can be reached at rshah@koehlerinstrument.com