



Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers

Dr. Raj Shah, Director at Koehler Instrument Company, and an NLGI ex-board member (2001- 2017), was honored recently by the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), at its annual meeting in Minneapolis with the prestigious PM Ku Medal. The P.M. Ku Medal is the second highest STLE award, and was established in 1978 to recognize outstanding and selfless achievements for the society. STLE is the premier international technical society serving the needs of more than 13,000 individuals and numerous companies and organizations worldwide that comprise the tribology petroleum and lubrication engineering business sector. STLE members are experts who research, develop and market the methods and products that make industry more successful and that enhance the well-being of people worldwide and its members are employed by the world's leading corporations and academic institutions and by governmental agencies dealing with science and technology.

Shah has been active STLE member for over two decades and during that time has served in various capacities: as its Annual meeting Technical chair, Lubrication education course chair, Fundamental lubrication committee chair, Technical editor and numerous other leadership positions. Both STLE and NLGI have maintained a very symbiotic working relationship in the last decade.

Dr. Raj Shah, is a Fellow of National Lubricating Grease institute (NLGI International) since 2007, was elected Fellow at Society of Tribology and Lubrication engineers (STLE International) in 2016, is a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists since 2018, and was recently also conferred a title of Fellow from the Energy institute, UK.

A previous recipient of the ASTM Award of Excellence thrice in his career (an extraordinary occurrence), and also the ASTM Eagle award, (together a sui generis affair), Dr. Shah was also recently conferred the distinguished alumni award from the Institute of Chemical technology (ICT). He is also the recipient of the John Bellanti, Sr. meritorious award from NLGI.

He was recently elected as a Chartered Engineer from the Engineering council in the UK, where he is also Chartered Scientist (with the Science Council), a dual distinction, he is currently involved in working closely with several universities, and 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, and the Samuel Ginn College of engineering, Tribology and lubrication science minor at the Auburn University. He served until 2005 on the Graduate Alumni Board of Directors at his Alma mater: Penn State University. He also served until 2013 on the Foundation board of directors of Developmental Disabilities Institute a Special needs school in Long Island NY, where is currently resides with his wife of 22 years, Dr. Niloufar Faridi and their son Kian.

Raj is the youngest recipient of the PM Ku medal and in accepting the award he credited the unsung heroes of STLE, mainly its staff that works tirelessly behind the scenes year around.