

**Phil Schmidt**  
**ASEG Service Medal**  
**Brisbane, February 2012**

**CITATION**

The ASEG Service Medal, for outstanding and distinguished service by a member in making major contributions to the shaping and sustaining of the ASEG, is presented to Phil Schmidt. Phil has, over many years, provided distinguished service to the ASEG, through contributions to his State Branch, Federal Executive, ASEG Conferences, and ASEG Publications. In particular, his valuable work as Chairman of the ASEG Publications Committee has had a significant impact on the Society's good standing throughout the geoscience community.

Phil has been a member of the ASEG since 1971, and has been involved in the Society's activities, both at a state and federal level for many of those 40 years. He has been an active contributor to the NSW state branch, including Branch treasurer for several years. He has served on the Federal Executive for many years and is still actively involved on the Executive Committee.

In 2010, Phil was Chair of Technical Program Committee for ASEG Sydney Conference. He facilitated a strong technical program for the Conference, which contributed to attracting a high delegate attendance resulting in a financially successful event for the society.

Of greatest note, Phil has been the Chairman of the ASEG Publications Committee since 2005. Publications are arguably the most important aspect of the ASEG's activities, in terms of impact and financial investment. Over 50 percent of our budget is allocated for publishing Exploration Geophysics, Preview and the Membership Directory. Since Phil took over responsibility on the Federal Executive Committee for this activity, ASEG's publications have progressed from strength to strength.

During his time at the helm he has actively pursued the improvement of the society's publications. Both Exploration Geophysics and Preview now have on-line access, and importantly Exploration Geophysics is now an academically recognised journal. Under his leadership, Exploration Geophysics is now indexed by Thompson Reuters and its Impact Factor is routinely evaluated and published. This has confirmed a growing acceptance amongst academic and industry geophysicists to publish in, and read the society's journal.

Phil also guided the ASEG through the challenging time of changing publishers. He was responsible for the tendering process and the final negotiations with CSIRO Publishing, which now handles all our publications. The time and attention to detail for this work was huge. As a component of this change, Phil helped establish on-line access to both Exploration Geophysics and Preview, allowing more geophysicists to access the society's publications on a regular basis.

The current status of our publications owes much to Phil's leadership and management skills as well as the time he has devoted to the Society. Phil is a most-deserving recipient of the ASEG Service Medal.