

Patrick (Pat) Hillsdon

ASEG Service Certificate

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CITATION

An ASEG Service Certificate for distinguished service by a member to the ASEG, is awarded to Patrick Hillsdon, for his valuable contributions over many years to ASEG Conferences as Chairman or Co-Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee at ASEG Conferences held in Sydney. Pat also served on the Federal Executive as an ASEG 1st Vice President 1981-1982, and has been an active member and supporter of the NSW Branch for over 30 years.

Pat started his career in geophysics with BHP's Exploration Division, undertaking a wide variety of surveys throughout Australia. He then joined Tony Cram at Engineering Computer Services in Bowral for 26 years of innovative geophysical data processing, marketing and training. During 2005 and 2006, Pat worked in Indonesia and Mozambique with SRK Consulting, before illness led to retirement to his home in Bowral NSW.

Pat served on the Organising Committees for ASEG-PESA Conferences held at the Sydney Conference and Exhibition Centre, taking on the onerous role of Co-Chair or Coordinator of Exhibitions on no fewer than four occasions – 1991, 1997, 2004 and 2010. The conferences are a major source of revenue for ASEG and the Exhibition is always a substantial contributor to financial success. Pat had a strong understanding of the fine details of exhibition management, and always sought to ensure that exhibitors saw every ASEG event as both personally and commercially rewarding. The ASEG mechanism for priority of booth allocation is a complex and sensitive process, and Pat always brought consistency to this challenging task, further contributing to exhibitor satisfaction. He also maintained strong working relationships with the representatives of the conference PCO to ensure smooth running of bookings, payments, notices, instructions and all logistic arrangements.

Dave Pratt noted that Pat never sought the spotlight or accolades because he has always been a private but welcoming member of our community. Nothing was ever a problem for him, the only thanks he wanted was a quiet beer at the local pub.

Pat Hillsdon has been a great ambassador for the ASEG, and the award of the ASEG Service Certificate is but a small thanks for the valuable contributions Pat has made to the ASEG over many years.