

## - Lifetime Achievement Award-

### ***J. Eric Scherer, CPESC 359 CESSWI 007 CPSWQ 006***

Mr. J. Eric Scherer, CPESC 359, CPSWQ 6, CESSWI 7, has been involved for many years with CPESC, and later ECI, and served with the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) program as its Chair, Vice Chair and on other technical program committees. He also served as Regional and State Representatives for CPESC (ECI) and assisted with the writing and development of the first CPESC and CPSWQ exams and was Chair of the CESSWI development committee.

He is most proud of his work with fellow registrants and having the opportunity to have introduced the CPESC program to the International Erosion and Sediment Control Association (IECA) over thirty (30) years ago, encouraging others to become certified professionals, including Carol Forrest who was at that time President of the IECA.

Mr. Scherer has held certifications with ECI as a Certified Professional in Soil Erosion and Sediment Control – No. 359 (retired); Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality – No. 6 (retired); Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector, No. 7 (retired).

Mr. Scherer received his formal education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, receiving a B.S. in Agronomy with a major in Crop and Soil Science. He continued his formal education at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, and received a master's in public administration degree with a focus in Organizational Development.

He is currently a technical consultant to the public and private sector on natural resource issues, including land use and environmental impact. His work spans soil erosion and sediment control planning, designing, installation and inspection of control measures. As a 'retired' professional, he enjoys living in the beautiful state of Rhode Island with his wife, Linda, of 38 years, sharing time with his three (3) children and four (4) grandchildren and is still 'learning' the game of golf by getting great instructions from his long time 'mentor' and good friend, Don Lake.



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## *Dan Waldman*



Mr. Daniel Waldman was raised in Los Angeles and attended the University of Colorado, Boulder and the University of California, Santa Cruz. After a number of construction, contracting and landscaping-related jobs, he moved into business-to-business publishing. He worked with Brentwood Publishing, Simon + Schuster, Macmillan Professional Journals and Springhouse/Elsevier before founding Forester Media, Inc. in 1990 with the launch of *MSW Management*, *The Journal for Municipal Solid Waste Professionals*.

Over the next several years, Mr. Waldman launched *Erosion Control*, *The Journal for Erosion & Sediment Control Professionals*; *Grading & Excavation Contractor*; *Stormwater*, *The Journal for Surface Water Quality Professionals*; *Remediation Management*, *The Journal for Environmental Restoration Professionals*; *Water Efficiency*, *The Journal for Water*

*Resource Management*; and *Distributed Energy*, *The Journal of Energy Efficiency & Reliability*. He also launched ForesterPress, the book publishing division, “ForesterUniversity”, the online training & webinar division, and Storm-Con, The North American Surface Water Quality Conference & Exposition.

Mr. Waldman has worked with all aspects of our industry for close to thirty (30) years, collaborating with readers (many certified by EnviroCert), authors, nearly every professional organization and association in the field, and industry vendors. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Waterkeeper Alliance, was elected to two consecutive terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Erosion Control Association and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper.

Mr. Waldman is married and the father of two grown children and lives in Santa Barbara, California.

- Distinguished Service Award-

***Edward D. Wimble, CPESC 825***

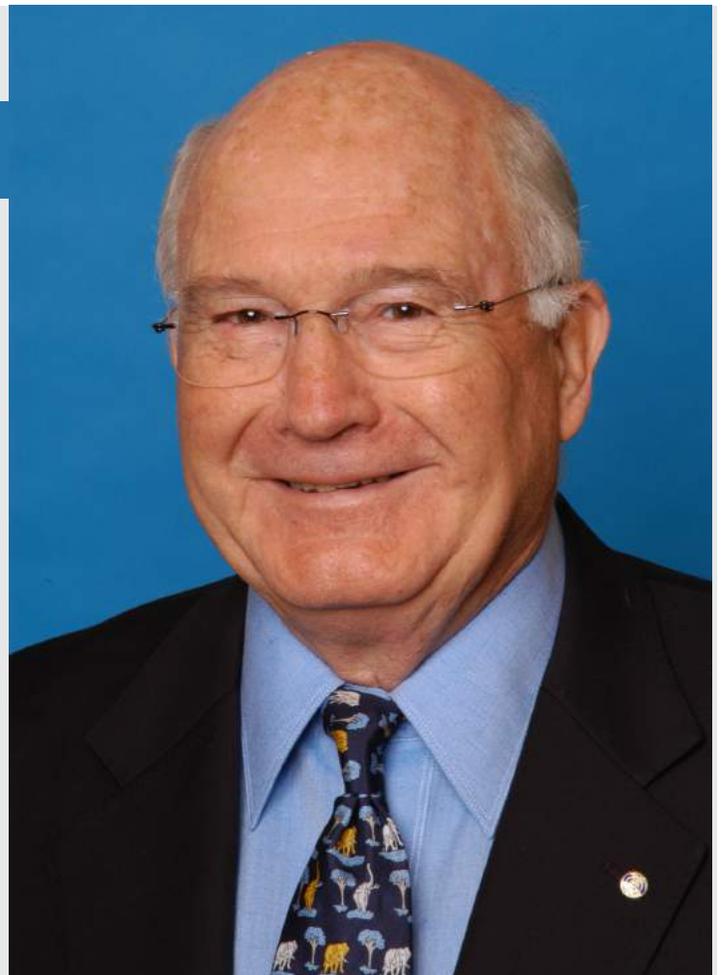
Mr. Doug Wimble, CPESC 825, became a Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control (CPESC) in 1999 and worked along with Rick Morse to develop the CPESC program in Australia. Erosion control had a very low profile in Australia for many years, and it has taken a concerted effort by a committed few erosion control professionals, Mr. Wimble in particular, to raise the awareness of how important this aspect of responsible environmental management really is.

What has particularly distinguished him, apart from his ongoing achievements as an erosion control professional, was his commitment above and beyond the usual to getting erosion control onto the public agenda and into the considerations of many different industries and organizations.

Doug Wimble was involved with the erosion and sediment control industry for nearly fifty (50) years through his company, Spraygrass. Early in his career, he became aware of the need for recognition as an industry in Australasia and became a member of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) in 1979.

In 1994, after intensive lobbying from Doug and Rick Morse, IECA Australasia finally received its Charter from the US, the first Chapter to be chartered outside of the USA. Doug was elected President of the founding Committee of the IECA (Australasia).

Mr. Wimble passed away in late 2017 and will be greatly missed by the erosion control industry.



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**Marc Theisen**, CPESC 2402 CPSWQ 431 CESSWI 1060



Mr. Marc S. Theisen, M.Sc., CPESC 2402, CPSWQ 431, CESSWI 1060, has over twenty-five (25) years of experience in erosion/sediment control and storm water management on six (6) continents and serves as a volunteer on ECI's Program Committee for the CPESC certification as a result of his expertise in the field. This committee is working on refining the scope of practice for that certification and expansion of the manual.

Over his career, Theisen has acted as a contractor, consultant, distributor and manufacturer. He is currently overseeing the development of a comprehensive line of erosion control, sediment control, turf reinforcement and stormwater treatment devices for Profile Products, an industry leader. Theisen holds related patents for hydraulically applied erosion control products, biotic soil media, sediment retention devices and turf reinforcement mats.

Mr. Theisen has long been involved in industry growth and standardization efforts and has authored numerous publications to integrate product and material technology through effective categorization, design, selection, and installation protocol. He remains an energetic member of the ASTM International D18 and D35 Committees on Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Geosynthetics.

Recently Theisen was a speaker for the National Stormwater Summit, an informative and comprehensive workshop to help keep the home builder industry environmentally compliant through proper selection of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the development of cost effective Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs). In 2007, he was recognized by Stormwater Management magazine as a "Stormwater All Star" – as one of the most influential people in stormwater management, and in 2015 as a "Mover and Shaker" by Storm Water Solutions magazine. More recently, Mr. Theisen was awarded the IECA 2018 Technical Paper of the Year.

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### *Charles R. Riling, Jr., CESSWI 2176*

Mr. Charles R. Riling, Jr., CESSWI 2176, received his Certified Erosion Sediment Storm Water Inspector certification in 2011 and has been an approved trainer for that certification since 2014. He has been an advocate and proponent for ECI and professional certifications in his region for many years and has been very involved in the industry throughout his career.

Mr. Riling stated that, “Being associated with ECI has provided me another ‘family’ within my professional life. To belong to an organization where everyone has a common interest gives great comfort that you are not alone in your daily endeavors. You have a support group to work with and assist in the efforts to make our home a better place to live and work by teaching the proper way to enhance and create infrastructure in the most environmentally responsible manner.”

When asked the question, “who at ECI or in the industry was your greatest influence?” he responded, “Ever since I met John Peterson, I knew that he was a person that I could learn from. Whether he realizes it or not, I have looked up to John as a person, a leader, a confidant and someone that I strive to be like. If I could have an effect on a small percentage of the people that John has affected throughout his career, then I will have accomplished my goals.”

Mr. Riling has had an extensive career with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, which began in February of 1971 and he just completed his 47th year of service to the people of West Virginia. His tenure is ending on June 29, 2018 and upon his retirement, will be relocating to Louisville, KY to be near family.

