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Herbert F. Voigt Awarded the 2016 National Alpha Eta Mu Beta (AHMB) Outstanding Dedication and Service Award

Alpha Eta Mu Beta is the International Biomedical Engineering Honor Society. Established in 1979, Alpha Eta Mu Beta was formed to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering. Members of Alpha Eta Mu Beta are recognized in an outstanding manner for having conferred honor on their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship, exemplary character, honorable activities, and leadership. The purpose of Alpha Eta Mu Beta is to bring these elected individuals into closer union so as to promote an understanding of the profession. Membership to Alpha Eta Mu Beta is a privilege and an honor.

The *Alpha Eta Mu Beta Outstanding Dedication and Service Award* was instituted in 2009. This is a special award that is only given to those selected few individuals who have so selflessly served the society of Alpha Eta Mu Beta in times of great need. This award recognizes the outstanding service, dedication and commitment that these individuals have shown toward Alpha Eta Mu Beta. Their commitment has helped to further the goals, objectives and ideals of Alpha Eta Mu Beta. Furthermore, this award honors the exemplary character, leadership and excellence of these selected individuals.

Herbert Voigt, a Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Boston University, is the 9th recipient of the award, which was presented to him at the AHMB Reception and Award Ceremony on 6 October 2016 following the AHMB Annual Meeting during the Annual *Biomedical Engineering Society* meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



A Charter creating the Boston University AHMB Chapter was presented to Dr. Voigt on 22 April 1994. Voigt remained the faculty advisor to the Boston University Chapter for the next 10 years. In those early days, it became apparent that the National Activities of AHMB were only loosely organized and new chapters were forming and developing slowly. Voigt became AHMB's President in 2000. He served during a trying, transitional time when the Society was seeking to establish its independence from an Academic home; it was originally housed within Louisiana Tech University. Voigt suggested that its home should not reside at a University and sought to establish a liaison with the *Biomedical Engineering Society*.

In his remarks following the Award presentation, Voigt noted that the time was ripe for AHMB to expand internationally as the field of Medical and Biological Engineering (MBE) is growing rapidly in popularity throughout the world. He also suggested that *The International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering* (IFMBE) is a logical choice for affiliation as it represents the MBE Activities in over 60 Nations and is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in formal relations with the *World Health Organization* (WHO) of the *United Nations* (UN). Voigt recommended that the 2018 AHMB's annual meeting be held at the IFMBE 2018 World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Prague, Czech Republic.