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## CCNY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, PHYSICS PROFESSOR MORTON DENN RECEIVES AICHE FOUNDERS AWARD

NEW YORK, October 20, 2008 – Dr. Morton M. Denn, Albert Einstein Professor of Science and Engineering at The City College of New York (CCNY), has been selected to receive the American Institute of Chemical Engineer's (AIChE) 2008 Founders Award. The award will be bestowed upon Professor Denn November 18 at the Institute's annual meeting in Philadelphia.

The Founders Award recognizes outstanding contributions in the chemical engineering field and is presented to a member of AIChE who has had an important impact and whose achievements, either specific or general, have advanced the profession. Recipients have long, distinguished records of service to the profession, including both technical and professional activities.

Professor Denn is a CUNY Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering in the Grove School of Engineering with a joint appointment as Professor of Physics. He also serves as Director of the Benjamin Levich Institute for Physico-Chemical Hydrodynamics at CCNY.

He joined the CCNY faculty in 1999 from the University of California, Berkeley, where he had taught for 18 years and was Professor of Chemical Engineering. At Berkeley, he served as Department Chair and as Head of Materials Chemistry in the Materials Sciences Division of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

His academic career began at the University of Delaware, where he was the Allan P. Colburn Professor of Chemical Engineering. He has also held visiting chairs at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the California Institute of Technology, the University of Melbourne, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Professor Denn is the author of six books. His latest title, "Polymer Melt Processing: Foundations in Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer," was published in August by Cambridge University Press.

In addition, he has author credits on more than 200 other publications on such topics as optimal system design and control, synthetic fuel technology, and the mechanics of complex fluids such as polymers, colloids, and liquid crystals. Professor Denn served as Editor of "AIChE Journal," the flagship journal of that organization, from 1985 to 1991. In addition, he was Editor of the "Journal of Rheology," the most cited research journal for the mechanics of non-solid materials, from 1995 to 2005.

Professor Denn is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2001, he was awarded an honorary

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D.Sc. from the University of Minnesota, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1964.

His other awards and honors include: a Guggenheim Fellowship; a Fulbright Lectureship; the Professional Progress, William H. Walker, Warren K. Lewis, and Institute Lectureship Awards from AlChE; the Chemical Engineering Lectureship Award from the American Society for Engineering Education, and the Bingham Medal and Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Rheology.

In 1992, another member of the CCNY chemical engineering faculty, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Ruell Shinnar, received the AlChE Founders Award.

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