



SHORTEN RECEIVES ASTM INTERNATIONAL'S AWARD OF MERIT

Portland, Ore. (May 18, 2006) – At a ceremony in Toronto Canada on May 18, ASTM International's Chairman of the Board, Anthony Fiorato Ph.D. presented the society's Award of Merit to Martyn R. Shorten, Ph.D., of Portland, Oregon..

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The Award of Merit was established in 1949 by the ASTM International Board of Directors and is the highest society award granted to an individual member for distinguished service and outstanding participation in ASTM International committee activities. Recipients also receive the honorary title of Fellow.

Dr. Shorten is Managing Partner of BioMechanica, LLC, a Portland business that provides research, product development and testing services to the sporting goods industry. He has served as the chairman of the ASTM subcommittee on Athletic Footwear since 1994, is currently serving a second term as chairman of Committee F08 on Sports Equipment and Facilities. He is also a current member of the Committee on Standards, a body which oversees the standards development process. Recognised as an authority on the biomechanics of athletic footwear, Shorten has also been active in the development of ASTM standards for playground surfacing, sports fields and protective equipment.