

## **Catherine Aimone-Martin Receives ISEE's Distinguished Service Award**

Catherine Aimone-Martin received ISEE's Distinguished Service Award on February 14, 2012 at ISEE's Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Technique held in Nashville, TN. The Distinguished Service Award is the Society's highest award of merit given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of explosives engineering.

Catherine Aimone-Martin started with an undergraduate degree in Geological Engineering, a graduate degree in mining, and then in 1981 earned a PhD from Northwestern University in Civil Engineering.

Since then she has worked and contributed to the explosives industry through the ISEE, government, university, and private sectors.

She has been a member of ISEE since 1979, serving on the ISEE Board of Directors, as a chapter liaison for two chapters, as a Chair of the Public Education Committee, a member of the Blast Vibration Section and an industry specialist and resource to our members. Cathy has authored over 87 papers, articles, and publications.

Cathy is the former Chair of Mining, Civil, Environmental Engineering and Program Chair of the Explosives Engineering programs at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (MS and PhD degrees). She has been an instructor and trainer of blasters, engineers, government officials, ATF agents, and students of explosive engineering. She has organized and conducted over 58 training courses.

Cathy has work experience in mining, blasting, vibration and geotechnical fields. She is a licensed blaster in New Mexico, New York City, and Qualified Blasting Consultant for Oregon DOT. She has been a vibration specialist since 1978, a preblast and community relation specialist since 1984, and a blasting consultant since 1988.