



## NCAC Laymon N. Miller Award for Excellence in Acoustical Consulting Awarded to Dr. George Paul Wilson

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NCAC is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2017 Laymon N. Miller Award for Excellence in Acoustical Consulting is George Paul Wilson, PhD. This award was developed jointly by the National Council of Acoustical Consultants (NCAC) and the Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the United States of America (INCE/USA). The award will be independently bestowed by NCAC in odd numbered years and by INCE/USA in even numbered years.

This award is given to an individual who has practiced acoustical consulting in an exemplary manner over a sustained period of time to improve acoustical environments in and around buildings, transportation systems, work places, recreational and other occupied spaces such that the quality of life for citizens and communities is significantly enhanced.

Dr. Wilson was nominated for the Laymon N. Miller Award for Excellence in Acoustical Consulting by his peers and fellow NCAC Members. Words chosen to describe Dr. Wilson and his work include, “George’s accomplishments are well known in our industry through an impressive list of published research, through the successful outcomes of hundreds of challenging projects, and through the love and respect of fellow coworkers and industry colleagues.”

Shortly after receiving his PhD from the University of California Berkeley in 1964, Dr. Wilson founded his own independent acoustical consulting firm. One of the new firm’s first projects was work for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit System which led to the first of many Wilson Ihrig’s creative solutions to acoustical problems. His innovations in the fields of noise and vibration control for rail systems has positively impacted the lives of thousands who live and work near rail lines. These advancements led to building projects that require similar design work.

The first major U.S. concert hall isolation project for Wilson Ihrig was Benaroya Hall in Seattle. The site, directly over a freight and passenger train tunnel and adjacent to a bus and light rail tunnel, required a two-stage isolation system which would become the model for many future buildings throughout the world.

Dr. Wilson’s encomium read, “Dr. Wilson’s many innovations...have made seemingly impossible projects possible.”

Although retired, Dr. Wilson still contributes his expertise to special projects.

NCAC presented the award to Dr. Wilson during an awards ceremony at its annual meeting, December 2 – 3 in New Orleans, LA.

*NCAC is an international organization committed to supporting the acoustical profession through recognizing expert acoustical consultants and engineers; promoting opportunities for peer interaction; and providing a reference tool for the public to learn more about the profession and to find a consultant matched to their needs. Since 1962, NCAC member firms have led their profession in technical expertise, research, innovation and development of real-world applications in all types of environments.*

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