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American Institute of Chemical Engineers Names New Officers, Board for 2019

NEW YORK, NY — The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) announced today that Kimberly Ogden, Director of the Institute for Advanced Energy Solutions and a Professor of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at the University of Arizona, will become President of AIChE in 2019. Ogden succeeds 2018 President Christine B. Seymour, Director at Pfizer Inc. Monty Alger, a professor of chemical engineering at the Pennsylvania State University, will become 2019 President-elect, and will succeed Ogden as AIChE President in 2020. Additionally, Joseph D. Smith, Laufer Endowed Energy Chair in the Department of Biological and Chemical Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology, and Chief Technology Officer at Elevated Analytics, LLC, was elected to a three-year term as Secretary, beginning in 2019.

Newly elected members of the AIChE Board of Directors are: Ana P. Davis, Head of Health, Safety, and Environment in North America at Syngenta; Erin N. Kane, President and Chief Executive Officer of AdvanSix Inc.; Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., University Professor, Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Director of The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Center for Biomedical, Biological, Physical and Engineering Sciences, and Director of The Institute for Regenerative Engineering at the University of Connecticut; and David D. Sholl, the John F. Brock III School Chair of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The directors serve three-year terms.

Ogden's research focuses on bioreactor design for the production of alternative fuels from algae, guayule, and guar, as well as energy/water nexus research. She was the engineering technical lead for the U.S. National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts. Her research in converting algae to biofuel continues through a Regional Algal Feedstock Testbed program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The goal of this project is to demonstrate the feasibility of year round cultivation, and to obtain long term outdoor algal cultivation data that will be available to the public for use in modeling and other research efforts. Ogden is a Fellow of AIChE and is co-chair of AIChE's International Society for Water Solutions. She earned her PhD in chemical engineering at the University of Colorado.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

AIChE's Board of Directors for 2019: Front row from left: Joseph Smith, Christine Seymour, Kimberly Ogden, Monty Alger, Rosemarie Wesson. Behind from left: June Wispelwey (AIChE Executive Director), Mary Kathryn (Kathy) Lee, Billy Bardin, Lori McDowell, Timothy Olsen, Ana Davis, Al Sacco, Kristi Anseth, David Sholl, Kate Gawel, Erin Kane. Not shown: Marianthi Ierapetritou, Cato Laurencin.

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About AIChE:

AIChE is a professional society of more than 60,000 chemical engineers in 110 countries. Its members work in corporations, universities and government using their knowledge of chemical processes to develop safe and useful products for the benefit of society. Through its varied programs, AIChE continues to be a focal point for information exchange on the frontiers of chemical engineering research in such areas as energy, sustainability, biological and environmental engineering, nanotechnology and chemical plant safety and security. More information about AIChE is available at www.aiche.org.