

ASC's first Fellow Member

The Solar Council would like to congratulate Professor Chem Nayar who was recently conferred Fellow of the Council (FASC). The title of Fellow is earned by those who have contributed substantially to the solar industry through outstanding service in research, development or innovation – and Chem Nayar who is internationally acclaimed for his contribution to renewable energy and sustainable development ticks all three boxes.

Chem Nayar is Emeritus Professor of Curtin University and the founder of WA based Regen Power. His innovative hybrid energy system technology combining a variable speed generator with solar and wind power has been patented and is widely used for its efficiency and fuel saving. His companies have to date contributed to installing more than 25 MW of solar power on residential and commercial buildings. Regen Power is now exporting expertise to India, confident of tapping into that vast emerging market.

Nayar told *Solar Progress* it was a “Rare honor to be the first and only person nominated as an ASC Fellow. Really it is a big personal honor.”

He also commented on the importance of the title for his business Regen Power.

“Recognition as a Fellow of the ASC is very valuable especially now with the industry in so much turmoil and with confidence suffering due to government policy and the Renewable Energy Target being under the microscope.”

Nayar added that his involvement with ASC dates back to the early '90s when he was on the ANZSES Board and which back then was more of an academy.

Over the years he has delivered keynote addresses at numerous international conferences, presented over 150 conference papers and co-authored 90+ refereed articles and several book chapters and still found time to supervise 20 PhD and more than 12 Masters by research students in the renewable energy field.



Back in 2012 Nayar – who has held academic and industry appointments in India, Singapore and Australia – picked up the ‘Career Achievement Award’ by Australian Committee for Power Engineering and in 2011: ‘Sustainable Energy Industry Excellence and Innovation Awards’ in both the Ambassador and Product and Technology categories.

Regen Power is currently shortlisted for another prestigious national technology award.

Professional membership of ASC

The Solar Council’s newly introduced individual membership categories are: Graduate (GMASC) Professional Member (PMASC) and Fellow of the Council (FASC).

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