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DR. JAMES McFARLANE HONOURED AS DAVID PACKARD DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER AT MBARI

PORT COQUITLAM, BC – On November 6th, 2013 Dr. James R. McFarlane, President, International Submarine Engineering Ltd was honoured with this year's David Packard Distinguished Lecturer award from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Institute (MBARI).

McFarlane contributed to MBARI's formative years as a critical advisor to David Packard and as a participant in several engineering reviews. Research Chair Bruce Robison remarked, "Jim McFarlane is a gifted, innovative engineer with an outstanding track record of designing and building undersea vehicles."

McFarlane delivered a lecture at MBARI titled "Genesis and metamorphosis of underwater work capability", reviewing different submersible vehicle designs and components that make them operate optimally.

Doug Au, MBARI's director of engineering development commented, "I am very pleased that we can have someone who was so involved with MBARI in the early days come back and provide a distinguished lecture. I hope we can use his insight as MBARI looks to the future and conceives our technical roadmap."



MBARI President/CEO Chris Scholin and Jim McFarlane, President ISE in front of MBARI's Ventana ROV

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