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Mensa Foundation Honors Dr. Robert Leishear for Creative Intelligence

Arlington, Texas (7/28/15) — Watching news coverage of the Fukushima Daichi nuclear tragedy in Japan, Dr. Robert Leishear of Aiken, S.C., gained an insight that led him to develop a theory that helps identify causes of industrial fires and explosions. Actions based on his theory can prevent these fires before catastrophe strikes. For his work, Dr. Leishear has received the 2015 Copper Black Award for Creative Achievement from the Mensa Education and Research Foundation. He is now seeking funding to further his research so he can continue to create safe working conditions for those employed in the oil, gas and nuclear industries.

The Copper Black Award for Creativity recognizes a Mensa member who has produced an innovative and practical idea. "This recognition is vital as it showcases how important it is for a blend of intelligence and creativity to be nurtured and utilized in a positive manner," said Dave Remine, president of the Foundation. "The Mensa Foundation is proud to present this award to Dr. Leishear."

Copper Black was a Mensa member who valued creativity and left legacy funding for this award to recognize an outstanding creative achievement by a member of American Mensa, Ltd. To find out more about the Mensa Foundation Awards, visit mensafoundation.org/awards.

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