



## Society/Council Professional Development Award

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*"for outstanding contributions to continuing education and development of professionals in the power and energy industry"*

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The present-day electric power systems are large, complex systems; secure, reliable and economic operation of such systems presents enormous technical challenges. In addition, business structure of the industry has changed in recent years creating an environment where regulators, legal and finance people are involved in making important decisions regarding the functioning of the power grids.

The education and technical committees of PES have worked extensively in recent years to meet the continuing education and development needs of professionals in the electric power industry with a high degree of success. The products and activities developed under this initiative include: advanced level technical courses/tutorials for practicing power engineers; online courses on technical subjects of topical interest, (PES was an early participant in IEEE's cutting edge, online continuing education program, IEEE Expert Now eLearning Tutorials); courses for non-power engineering professionals, geared largely towards utility board members and executives, power marketers, legislators, legal counsels, and accountants; student activities promoting and advancing professional development of power engineering students; technical reports published by various technical committees of PES, providing valuable sources of high level technical information for power system designers, operators, equipment manufacturers, policy makers and researchers.

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