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Dr. Madhava Syamlal, focus area leader of computational and basic sciences at National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), is the recipient of one of Illinois Institute of Technology's IIT 2009 Professional Achievement awards. Personal success, outstanding contribution to the field, and recognition by colleagues are all considered for this award, one of the highest distinctions bestowed upon the university's alumni by previous alumni awards honorees.

A native of Kerala, India, Syamlal has worked for NETL (and the predecessor organizations Federal Energy Technology Center and Morgantown Energy Technology Center) for over 23 years. He resides in Morgantown, WV. He holds a bachelor of technology degree in chemical engineering from the Institute of Technology at Banaras Hindu University (India) and an MS and PhD from Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL).

The awards ceremony will take place on April 30 and May 1, 2009 on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology.

NETL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. NETL – "the ENERGY lab" – focuses on America's economic prosperity, which requires secure, reliable energy supplies at sustainable prices. Three overarching issues characterize the energy situation in the United States. They are energy affordability, supply security, and environmental quality. The Department of Energy's only government-owned, government-operated national lab, NETL is a research and technology center where these energy challenges converge and energy solutions emerge. NETL implements a broad spectrum of energy and environmental research and development programs through its own research staff and through funded research at other labs, universities, and industry that will return benefits for generations to come.