

UGA Professor Named National Academy of Inventors Fellow

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Athen, Georgia Dr. Valentine Nzengung, a Professor of Environmental Geochemistry at the University of Georgia, has been named a National Academy of Inventors (NAI) Fellow.

Dr. Nzengung, founder of [MuniRem Environmental](#), a company which provides innovative green remediation technologies and services for soil, buildings and equipment that have been contaminated with explosive residues.

"This is a humbling endorsement of the applied research I have focused on as a faculty member at the University of Georgia," said Dr. Nzengung. "I never thought of the solutions to environmental problems that I have developed as deserving of this very high level of recognition. My focus has been and remains developing and applying innovative solutions that benefit human health and our environment."



According to NAI, the NAI Fellows Program honors academic inventors "...who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. Election to NAI Fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors."

An induction ceremony for the new NAI Fellows will be held during the NAI annual meeting which

is being held April 10, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce and Deputy Director at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Laura Peter, will keynote the event.