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WORLD CLASS AXEMAN SET TO INSPIRE AT CASTROL AWARDS DINNER

World champion axeman and motivational speaker, David Foster OAM, will feature as a guest speaker at the Castrol Awards Dinner, at this year's ATA/ARTSA Technical and Maintenance Conference.

Known to many as the 'big guy from Tasmania', David has won an incredible 183 World Championships and 173 Australian Championships in woodchopping. In 1998, he became the first person in the history to win 1000 championships in his chosen sport.

David won the Australian Axeman of the Year a record breaking 9 times in a row and was awarded Axeman of the Decade in 1990.

ATA Chairman, Trevor Martyn said David's stellar career is evidence of what can be achieved through hard work, focus and commitment.

"David will speak to our delegates about the dedication required to achieve continually and improve their skills in the workplace. His presentation will motivate our audience to achieve their own goals," Mr Martyn said.

David is the recipient of a number of awards for his charitable activities and dedication to his sport. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 1991, an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and a Centenary Medal in 2001.

David was a director of the National Australia Day Council from 1998 – 2000 and was named Tasmanian of the year in 1995.

The Castrol Awards Dinner will also feature the presentation of the 2008 Craig Roseneder Award for Technical and Maintenance Excellence in the Workshop.

The 2008 Technical and Maintenance Conference will be held from 9-11 November at the Moonee Valley Function Centre in Melbourne.

Registrations for the conference are still open. For more information or to register online visit www.ataevents.net.au or contact the ATA events team on (02) 6253 6900.

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