The annual RESOURCE Editor-in-Chief Awards ceremony was held at the colourful and festive Industry Gala on 4 November 2016. This year, six awards were given in recognition of the outstanding men and women featured in the magazine from July 2015 to April 2016.

This year, in a quest to be more inclusive, the awards ceremony was held at the Bollywood-themed 2016 gala of the Malaysian Gas Association and the Malaysian Oil & Gas Services Council which warmly welcomed the magazine and the awards ceremony.

Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin, President & CEO of PETRONAS presented the awards to the winners. The RESOURCE Editorial Board presented to Datuk Wan Zulkiflee a special souvenir edition made up of the six articles which won the awards.

And the awards, in no particular order...
BEST FEATURE STORY AWARD
The Norway experience

When Wasco Energy expanded its global footprint to Norway for the Polarled Project in 2013, the company seconded Malaysian employees to a new facility at Mo I Rana in northern Norway for a career-enriching experience. Wasco staffers Teoh Chuen Seng, Mohd Aizad Kamarol, Adrian Goh, and Mohd Hafiz Mohd Isa, writing in the first person, shared their stories in the January 2016 issue. Giancarlo Maccagno, the CEO of Wasco Energy, accepted the award on their behalf.

BEST CSR STORY AWARD
A Family Affair

In the January 2016 issue, we profiled the Siddharthan Care Centre, a beneficiary of the Malaysian Petroleum Club’s annual charity golf tournament. The article, written by Lalita Gomez, highlighted this children’s home, founded with good CSR intentions by a shipping company which eventually ran aground. The home was literally left to sail on its own but it bravely stayed afloat thanks to the caretaker S.K. Manimaran who never left the helm.

BEST YOUNG WRITERS AWARD
Hakim Rahman & Sarah Rahman, A flood of compassion

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BEST PHOTO AWARD
Esham Salam, The right kind of leadership

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MOST INSPIRING PERSONALITY AWARD
Dr Lim Min Teong

He’s an international authority on enhanced oil recovery and the recipient of 2015’s SPE Distinguished Membership award. He spends every day with a burning desire to do more, including learning and teaching and being a mentor to younger engineers so that Malaysian companies can retain Malaysian talent. In our July 2015 issue, we profiled the godfather of technical excellence.

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MOST MEMORABLE PERSONALITY AWARD
Dato’ MB Hashim, Listening to stories

In the April 2016 issue, we featured a man who is known to everyone and whose vast experience in the industry is almost legendary. Writer Jacqueline Pereira accurately captured his larger-than-life pioneering spirit which still resounds today as emphatically as when he set up Malaysian LNG in 1978.