C.P. Wong to Assume Smithgall Institute Chair

Dr. C.P. Wong, a Regents' professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, has been named the Charles Smithgall Chair, one of two Institute chairs at Georgia Tech.

"I'm pleased that Professor Wong has accepted this chair," Provost Jean-Lou Chameau said. "His reputation and distinction on our campus and in the field of materials embodies the spirit of the role for a senior leader at Georgia Tech." A member of the National Academy of Engineering, Wong joined the faculty in 1996 as a professor and as a research director of the Packaging Research Center (PRC). In 2004 he received Tech's Distinguished Professor Award, the most prestigious award bestowed upon Tech faculty members.

He leads a team in the PRC's Assembly, Reliability, Thermal Management and Electrical Testing Thrust areas. He has recruited 15 new member companies and has also become the PRC's director of Tech Transfer and Industrial Collaboration.

"I thank the Smithgall family for their generosity and commitment to research and education," he said. "As one of two Institute endowed chairs, I'm very pleased to assume this title and honored to represent Georgia Tech in this way."

Wong holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Purdue University and a doctoral degree from Pennsylvania State University.

****