



Dr. Elham Fini, associate professor of engineering at N.C. A&T, has been named to the 2017-2018 class of the Lemelson Invention Ambassadors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Fini is the inventor of bio-adhesive technology, co-founder of the Bio-Adhesive Alliance Inc., director of the sustainable infrastructure materials lab and J. W. Fulbright Scholar at N.C. A&T.

The AAAS piloted its Ambassadors Program in 2013, sponsored by AAAS and The Lemelson Foundation, to promote inventors and their accomplishments. The program has served as a platform for inventors to demonstrate their role as change agents in society and as problem solvers. Since its inception, there have been three classes and 31 Ambassadors selected that meet the

program's' vision to "showcase the human face of inventors in order to inspire, inform and influence thought leaders and global community." Together, the Ambassadors hold over 1,400 patents, and are aligned in their commitment to inspire a new and diverse generation of inventors dedicated to solving difficult global challenges, inform on the components needed to create inventions that sustainably solve global problems, and influence policy makers, thought leaders & public

AAAS and The Lemelson Foundation welcomed and celebrated the 2017-2018 Ambassadors at "Celebrate Invention" yesterday July 20th, where the Invention Ambassadors joined together at AAAS in Washington, DC to share their stories as inventors, introduce their inventions and highlight their progress in solving global problems.