



Recognition for the *Digest*

In the media manic world of today, the message that one wants to convey can be very easily overwhelmed by excessive noise, or just as easily ignored given the plethora of competing communications. It is therefore essential that the message be presented clearly and framed attractively. We at the *Technical Digest* have been quite aware of these challenges and have endeavored to set high standards of publication and presentation. Appreciative remarks from our readers have served to further encourage us in that direction.

From time to time the *Digest* has been entered into competitions organized by various communication societies. Over the years, this publication has done well in these forums, garnering many awards for its aesthetic appearance, format, and content. This year, we are pleased to announce that the *Digest* has received three major awards from two different organizations.

The Editorial and Production Staff of the *Digest* received the 2000–2001 “Best of Show” Award from the regional chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), i.e., the *Digest* was selected as the best among all entries in the Technical Publications category. Our entry was subsequently forwarded to the STC International Technical Publications Competition, where it received the Distinguished Technical Communication Award in the Scholarly/Professional Journals category.

The *Digest* issue on “Millennial Challenge” (Vol. 22, No. 1) was also entered into the 2001 International Print Media Competition conducted by The Communicator Awards, an organization that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field in the United States and abroad. The issue received the Communicator’s prestigious Crystal Award of Excellence in the Magazine Non-profit category.

The entire *Digest* team deserves to be congratulated for this recognition of their consistent excellence, dedication, and imagination.

The “Millennial Challenges” issue contained articles based on colloquia given by several distinguished scholars and leaders who shared their views of the 21st century on subjects related to national security, space exploration, education, and transportation. In the coming years we shall venture to invite authoritative speakers to APL Colloquia to address other topics of paramount importance in the new century and, where appropriate, publish the text of those talks in upcoming issues. The article by ADM Stansfield Turner on page 185 is the first in this continuing series.

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