

# CPC-6 Awards (2001)

Tucson, AZ

1. POND/POD Award

*Dan Rivera*

Model on demand → Paper On Non-Demand (POND)  
Principal Orthogonal Decomposition → Premeditated Orthogonal Discussant

2. I'm OK/Bill Gates is OK Award

*Pat Kennedy*

For endorsing Microsoft products even though he sold his stock at a loss  
(at least his Powerpoint worked!)

3. Young Whippersnapper Award

*Jay Lee*

For suggesting that Sten Bay Jorgensen received his PhD a long time ago (1969)

4. You Still Look Like a Postdoc Award

*Wolfgang Marquardt*

For being introduced by Jay Lee as still working at Stuttgart with Dieter Gilles

5. A.B.C. Award

*Frank Allgower*

For managing the speaker who was most observable but least controllable

6. Control Synergism Award

*Dimitri Bertsekas*

For combining two discredited control concepts (neural nets, dynamic programming) into a new method

7. CPC Birth Control Award

*Wayne Bequette*

Who was overheard saying: “Two children are all I plan to have, you could say that is a hard (or soft) constraint”

8. Space-Time Continuum Award

*Tom Harris    Mike Henson*

For showing up at the right place at the right time to give their talks without a wristwatch

9. Box-Jenkins Book Award

*Lane Desborough*

For his remark, “No one looks at time series data”

10. ISS (Incapable of Slow Speech) Award

*Almost all CPC6 speakers*

11. Budding Young Comedian Award

*Mike Henson*

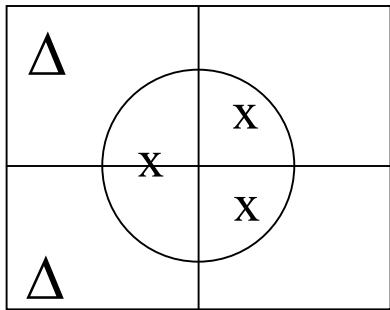
For describing how cell buds can lead to alcohol products

(This Bud’s for You!)

12. NRA Award

*Tom Badgwell*

For presenting a figure that looks like a Texas Highway sign (near George Bush's ranch)



13. Reverse Time Transformation Award

*Manfred Morari*

- 1980's - - reinterprets PID control
- CPC IV - - reinterprets Kalman filter
- CPC VI - - reinterprets Pontryagin's work
- CPC VIII - - reinterprets Maxwell Governor

14. Approaching the Limit Award

*Tom McAvoy*

- a. Limit → fishing → but in Arizona, the only water is on a golf course, where he put three balls on #17
- b. Limit → nearing retirement → Tom says he only needs one more good idea in his career (after neural nets)

15. Bounded Input, Unbounded Output Award

*Eduardo Sonntag*

For his 15 minute answer to a 10 second question

16. Twins Separated at Birth Award

*Jorge Mandler & Matthias Reuss*

17. I Should Have Worn my Glasses Award

*Sheyla Rivera*

For mistakenly embracing Matthias, thinking he was Jorge

18. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Award

*Jim Schwaber*

For repeated references to “drunk as a skunk rat”

19. The Self Citation Index (SCI) Award

$$\text{SCI} = \frac{\Delta \text{ \#of references by author}}{\text{total \#of references}}$$

Awarded to

*Jan Willems*

$$\text{SCI} = \frac{9.5}{12} = 0.8$$

20. The McDonalds Golden Arches Award

*The CPC-6 Organizing Committee*

For cost effective food plans (\$\$\$)

Runner-up:

*Lane Desborough*

For referring to “Eat our own dog food”

21. Tiger Woods Award

- Team USA vs. Team Canada
- Preliminary Results:
  - Team Canada Won
  - Their low score: 74
- Recount Results
  - Conversion Factor:  
1 U.S. \$ = 0.7 Can \$
  - U.S. Equivalent of Canadian Score

$$74 \times \left( \frac{1}{0.7} \right) = 106$$

- Conclusion:  
Team USA receives the Tiger Woods Award

22. “Oh Say Can’t you Sing” Award

*Jim Rawlings*

For his mournful rendition of “Oh Canada”

(Maybe he should have used a different “Octave”)

23. Least Likely to Receive an Honorary Degree from a Swiss University Award

Winner: *Christos Georgakis*

Runner up: *Eduardo Sontag*

24. Meat Producers of Canada (MPC) Award

*“Jim Rawlings”*

For his “butchering” of the Canadian National Anthem

25. Blame Canada! Award

(Blamez Canada! Prix)

*Derrick Kozub et al.*

For minimizing the variation within a session by having at least one Canadian co-author of each paper

26. PLS-PCA Award

*Jim Rawlings*

(Please Lip Sync Proud Canadian Anthem Award)

27. News Release from University of California, Santa Barbara

(Fax just received at resort)

“Dale Seborg and Tom Edgar have been appointed as co-winners of the Duncan Mellichamp Chair in Process Control. In justifying the unusual award the University stated that Dale and Tom together contributed about as much as Duncan to their joint process control text. With all 3 faculty in Santa Barbara the planned 2010 release of the second edition should be met”