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SID Announces New Slottow-Owaki Prize to Honor Outstanding Contributions for Information Display Education

SAN JOSE, Calif., June 4-The **Society for Information Display (SID)** announced today the designation of a new award to honor outstanding contributions to information-display education. The **Slottow-Owaki Prize** will be bestowed upon an educator-including a professor, a researcher, an engineer, or manager etc.-who has made outstanding contributions to personnel training in the field of information display.

The award is named for two late professors-**Prof. H. Gene Slottow** and **Prof. Kenichi Owaki**-who were leaders in the field of information displays.

Slottow was a professor at the University of Illinois, where he was an inventor of the plasma display panel (PDP) in 1964. Slottow received the Frances Rice Darne Memorial Award from SID in 1974 for outstanding technical achievement or contribution to information displays. He was honored as a Fellow of the SID and served SID in many capacities, including: Symposium Chairman, Honors and Awards Chairman, Academic Committee Chairman and Seminar Chairman.

Owaki worked with Slottow to transfer and license plasma display technology to **Fujitsu Ltd.** in 1967-1968. Owaki invented the Traveling Wave cathode ray tube (CRT) in 1950, and in that same year, he was awarded the Purple Ribbon Medal from the Japanese government for notable achievement in scholarship. He was granted a SID Special Recognition Award in 1974, and served as a professor at the Hiroshima Institute of Technology beginning in 1975. He published three books in Japanese: *Plasma Displays* (1983); *Creative Approach to R&D* (1983); and *Bright and Dark of an Engineer who Survived the 20th Century* (1991).

Winners of the Slottow-Owaki Prize will receive a \$2,000 stipend, made possible through a grant of 5 million yen (about \$44,000 USD) from Fujitsu Ltd. and 5 million yen from **Dr. Tsutae Shinoda** of Fujitsu Laboratories Ltd. About \$50,000 will be used to endow the award in perpetuity, while the remaining amount will be given to the SID Educational Endowment Fund to provide SID Scholarships to students and SID Grants for education.

The award joins the lineup of prestigious honors bestowed by the SID to outstanding innovators in the field of information displays, including the Karl Ferdinand Braun Prize for outstanding technical achievement in or contribution to display technology; the Jan Rajchman Prize for outstanding scientific or technical achievement in or contribution to research on flat-panel displays; and the Otto Schade Prize-awarded for the first time in 2006-for outstanding scientific or technical achievement in or contribution to the advancement of the functional performance and/or image quality of information displays.

The deadline for nominations for 2007 awards is October 13, 2006. For more information on any of the SID Honors and Awards, including how to submit nominations, visit www.sid.org and click on "Awards."

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