

The 1993 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium

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ON behalf of the 1993 International Microwave Symposium Atlanta Steering Committee, we express our heartfelt thanks to the many who contributed to the great success of the 1993 IMS. You, the Society members, those whose papers were presented, are the focus of IMS, and you are the keys to every successful venture on the part of the Society. From all the reports we have received, IMS 1993 was a success. You came, you saw a little bit of the future, and we hope we helped you conquer at least a few of the fears brought on by the changing national and international business climate for the microwave community. If exhibitor attendance and booth rentals are a measure of "the business climate," things are indeed not bad at all. In 1993, 481 booths were occupied by 293 vendors, and we are told that the business contacts were of very high quality.

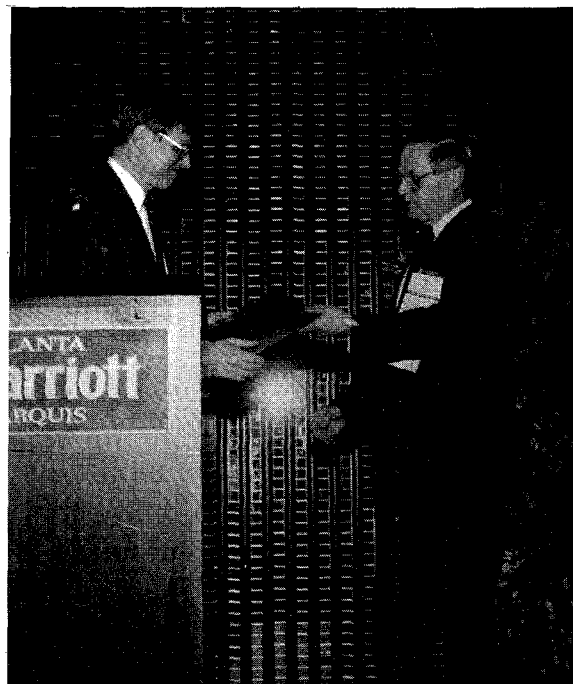
Attendance at IMS 1993 was excellent; 5916 at final count. Technical registration alone exceeded expectations by almost 10 percent. There were 257 papers presented in seated sessions, and 99 in the open forum sessions. Workshops were again a major drawing card, attended by over 1000 registrants. The Symposium was not all work either. The antebellum South, suave shopping, good food, baseball, the Stone Mountain Laser Show, and "the new South" all played a role in the rewarding times we all experienced. Regarding the "new South," we are gratified that so many attendees left with a new perspective of the 1996 Olympic City, its infrastructure and the ever-growing telecommunications industry with its core in the State.

Some believe that a very few visionaries can change the course of history or at least sway it strongly. Perhaps so. After all, one man with vision brought about the "miracle" that resulted in the 1996 Olympiad being brought to Atlanta. One man created the revolutionary success of the PC operating system we call "windows"—even in the face of competing systems heralded and sometimes proven to be superior. We hope you were among the 1000 who attended the Plenary Session on Tuesday morning. We were indeed fortunate to have two respected visionaries, John Day, of Strategies Unlimited and Richard Snelling, Senior Technical Advisor to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, to set the tone for the conference. Day's revealing discussions on the future for microwave and associated industries and Snelling's plans and visions for the 1996 Olympiad were just the tickets to roll away some of the dark clouds. Thank you again, gentlemen.

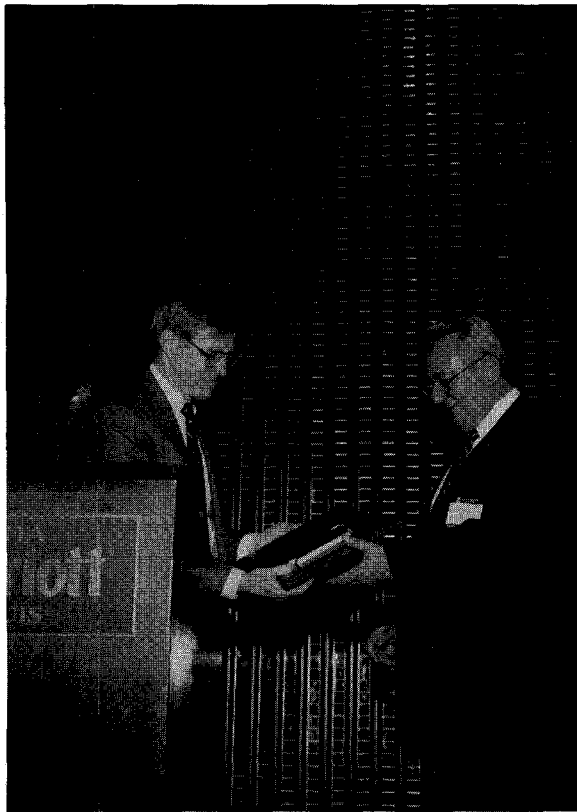
The awards banquet, held on Wednesday night, was again the highlight of the week's Symposium activities.



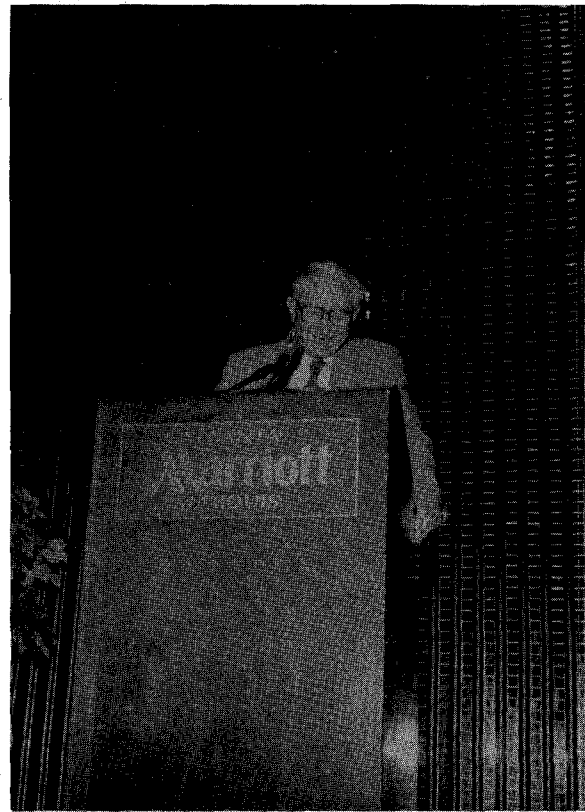
Fellow Zvi Galani receiving Fellow certificate from Ted Saad.



Dr. J. E. Degenford receiving N. Walter Cox Award from Society President Peter Staecker.



Dr. Stephen F. Adam receiving the MTT-S Distinguished Service Award from Society President, Peter Staecker.



Professor Leonard Lewin reminiscing as recipient of the Society's Microwave Career Award.



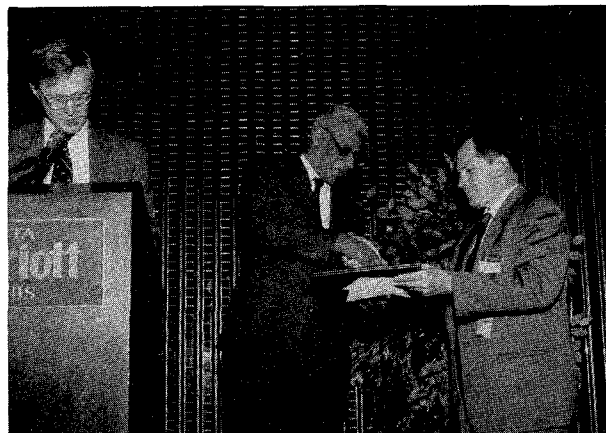
Professor David B. Rutledge, newly elected Fellow, with Dr. Z. Basta-Popovic. The two shared the Microwave Prize with co-authors R. M. Weikle II and Moonil Kim.



Professor Arthur A. Oliner accepting the first MTT-S Distinguished Educator Award from Award's Chairman, Reinhard Knerr.



J. Stevenson Kenney, winner of the 1993 Student Paper Competition.

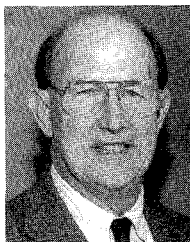


John L. Carter receiving Applications Award from Vladimir G. (Walt) Gelnovatch while the citation is read by President Peter Staecker.

Perhaps you have been kind by not telling us of the things that went wrong in Atlanta. On the other hand, perhaps little or nothing happened to mar your visit. In either case, we want to express, just once more, our great pleasure in having hosted you in Atlanta. After a brief respite, you will almost certainly be invited again. Please plan to come.

The recipients, their citations, and other information about the awards are included elsewhere in this issue. You will see from the surrounding photographs that we, the award recipients and all present, had not only a rewarding time but a good time as well. A first this year was the awarding of the new Distinguished Educator Award to Dr. Arthur Oliner whose contributions to microwave education are recognized internationally. We feel certain that Fred Rosenbaum, in recognition of whom this award was founded, would be pleased with this first award. It was our good fortune that Ms. Carol Rosenbaum and one of her daughters, Ellen, were able to assist us on this occasion. Another first may have been the awarding of the Society's Career Award to Professor Leonard Lewin whose formal education consisted of Southend-on-Sea High School from which he graduated in 1937.

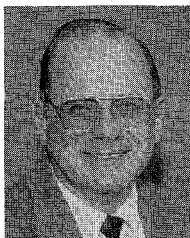
This year, the Society's Historical Exhibit, including a new exhibit covering the history of phased array radars, was a great success. Each year, the artifact presentations and the ways in which they are preserved and exhibited has improved and, this year, the location of both exhibits squarely in the middle of the commercial booths created a special atmosphere of the old and the new. Thanks to Steve Stitzer for his flexible and professional management of the historical exhibits and to Bill Edwards and Tim Kemerley of the U.S. Air Force for their participation via the phased array exhibit.



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