Nominations Requested for EDA Industry’s Prestigious Phil Kaufman Award
EDA Consortium, IEEE Council on EDA Sponsored Award Honors Individuals Whose Contributions Significantly Impact EDA

SAN JOSE, Calif. — May 10, 2010 — Nominations for this year’s recipient of the Phil Kaufman Award for Distinguished Contributions to Electronic Design Automation (EDA) are being accepted until Wednesday, June 30, 2010. Sponsored by the EDA Consortium (EDAC) and the IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA), the 17th annual award will be presented at a dinner ceremony Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Silicon Valley, Calif.

The Phil Kaufman Award recognizes individuals who have had a demonstrable impact on the field of EDA in areas ranging from business, industry direction and promotion to technology and engineering, educational or mentoring. It was established in honor of deceased EDA industry pioneer Phil Kaufman, who turned innovative technologies such as silicon compilation and emulation into businesses that have benefited electronic designers.

The Board of Directors of EDAC and CEDA have presented the Phil Kaufman Award annually since 1994. Dr. Randal E. Bryant, Dean and University Professor of the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University, was last year’s Phil Kaufman Award recipient for his seminal technological breakthroughs in the area of formal verification. In addition to Dr. Bryant, previous Kaufman Award recipients include: Dr. Aart J. de Geus, Dr. Robert K. Brayton, Dr. Robert Dutton, Phil Moorby, Joe Costello, Dr. A. Richard Newton (deceased), Dr. Ronald A. Rohrer, Dr. Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli, Dr. Yen-Son (Paul) Huang, Dr. Hugo De Man, Dr. Ernest S. Kuh, James E. Solomon, Dr. Carver A. Mead, Dr. Donald O. Pederson (deceased), and Dr. Hermann K. Gummel.

"The Phil Kaufman Award has a history of recognizing outstanding individuals who have been key in making EDA an essential part of electronic design from technology creation to entrepreneurial leadership,” says Andreas Kuehlmann, president of CEDA. “The IEEE Council on EDA considers this award to be a centerpiece of acknowledging leaders in our community."

“EDAC is proud of the significance this award holds,” adds Wally Rhines, chairman of the EDA Consortium. “The legacy the Phil Kaufman Award bestows to its recipients is both the recognition of their transcendent innovation and the expression of enduring gratitude from we who have benefitted from their triumphs.”
New this year, the Kaufman Award’s committee has updated the standard nomination form with new sections of interest and limitations on the length and number of endorsements one can submit on behalf of the nominee. The committee now also requires that archived nominations submitted prior to 2007 will need to be resubmitted on the new form for consideration. Moving forward, all nominations older than 3 years will be rolled off unless resubmitted, so please be sure to visit the EDAC website to download this year’s nomination form: http://www.edac.org/events10/kaufman/cfn10.jsp.

About the EDA Consortium

The EDA Consortium is the international association of companies that provide design tools and services that enable engineers to create the world’s electronic products used for communications, computer, space technology, medical, automotive, industrial equipment, and consumer electronics markets among others. For more information about the EDA Consortium, visit www.edac.org.

About the IEEE Council on EDA

The IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA) provides a focal point for EDA activities spread across six IEEE societies (Antennas and Propagation, Circuits and Systems, Computer, Electron Devices, Microwave Theory and Techniques, and Solid State Circuits). The Council sponsors or co-sponsors over a dozen key EDA conferences, including the Design Automation Conference (DAC) and the International Conference on Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), Design Automation and Test in Europe (DATE) and events at Embedded Systems Week (ESWeek). The Council also publishes IEEE Transactions on CAD, as well as the newly launched IEEE Embedded Systems Letters. Since its founding, the Council has expanded its support of emerging areas within EDA such as nanoscale systems, sponsored new initiatives including the Distinguished Speaker Series and is increasing recognition to members of the EDA profession via awards such as the A. Richard Newton and Phil Kaufmann Awards. The Council welcomes new volunteers and local chapters. For more information on CEDA, visit: www.c-edac.org.

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