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American Association for Artificial Intelligence elects new Fellows

Scientists recognized for their contributions in AI

Menlo Park, Calif – August 11, 2003. The American Association for Artificial Intelligence has announced the 2003 Fellows. Each year a small number of AI researchers are recognized by their peers for their unusual distinction in the profession and for their sustained contributions to the field for a decade or more.

This year's AAAI Fellows join a distinguished cadre of many of the leading researchers and practitioners in the field of AI. AAAI congratulates the following honorees:

- Oren Etzioni, University of Washington
For significant contributions to the fields of software agents, web-based technology, and intelligent user interfaces.
- Scott E. Fahlman, Carnegie Mellon University & IBM Research
For significant contributions to knowledge representation, artificial neural networks, AI-oriented software tools, and massively parallel architectures for AI.
- Michael Kearns, University of Pennsylvania
For significant contributions to computational learning theory, to reinforcement learning and stochastic planning, to dialogue agents, and to the theory of multi-agent systems.
- Pradeep Khosla, Carnegie Mellon University
For significant contributions to automated modeling, reconfiguration, and design of robotic and real-time software systems, and for encouraging the field through professional leadership.

- Michael Pazzani, University of California, Irvine
For significant contributions to the development and understanding of machine learning algorithms and their relationship to human learning.
- Reid Simmons, Carnegie Mellon University
For significant contributions to mobile robot navigation, self-reliant autonomous systems, and the Task Control Architecture.
- Manuela Veloso, Carnegie Mellon University
For significant contributions to the development of planning and learning algorithms, and multiagent robot teams for uncertain dynamic environments.

This year's recipients will be honored at a dinner and ceremony at IJCAI-03 in Acapulco, Mexico.

For more information about the Fellows Program and a roster of AAAI Fellows, please visit aaai.org/Awards/fellows.html.

About AAAI

Founded in 1979, the American Association for Artificial Intelligence (www.aaai.org) is a nonprofit scientific membership society devoted to advancing the science and practice of AI. Its mission is to: (1) advance the scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying intelligent thought and behavior, (2) facilitate their embodiment in machines, (3) serve as an information resource for research planners and the general public concerning trends in AI, and (4) offer training for the current and coming generations of AI researchers and practitioners. The Association has sponsored an annual conference, regarded as the premier gathering in the field, since 1980.

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