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## **AAAI announces Feigenbaum Prize**

**Menlo Park, CA – September 15, 2009.** The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) is delighted to announce the establishment of a new award called the AAAI Feigenbaum Prize. The AAAI Feigenbaum Prize will be awarded biennially to recognize and encourage outstanding Artificial Intelligence research advances that are made by using experimental methods of computer science. The "laboratories" for the experimental work are real-world domains, and the power of the research results are demonstrated in those domains. "Artificial Intelligence is now a mature field with real-world impact, and we are grateful to Dr. Feigenbaum for enabling public recognition of the most important successes in experimental AI research," notes AAAI President Martha Pollack.

The Feigenbaum Prize may be given for a sustained record of high-impact seminal contributions to experimental AI research; or it may be given to reward singular remarkable innovation and achievement in experimental AI research. The prize is \$10,000 and is provided by the Feigenbaum Nii Foundation and administered by AAAI.

**Edward Feigenbaum** is a Kumagai Professor of Computer Science Emeritus at Stanford University. Feigenbaum earned his Ph.D at Carnegie Mellon University from 1956–59. In the 1960s and 1970s, he was a pioneer in AI research as experimental computer science, and in the applications of AI research. In 1986, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and in 1995, he received computer science's highest research honor—the ACM Turing Award. Feigenbaum was the second president of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence, serving from 1980–81, and was elected to AAAI Fellowship in 1990.

The first Feigenbaum Prize will be awarded in 2010 in conjunction with the annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, to be held July 11-15, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Further details about the award nomination and selection process will be available at the AAAI web site ([www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org)) in early 2010.

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**About AAAI**

Founded in 1979, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence ([www.aaai.org](http://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. AAAI sponsors numerous conference, workshops, and symposia each year.