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## 1997 SIGAda Award Recipients

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Dear Members,

The ACM SIGAda Awards program was started in 1994 to recognize individuals, and organizations, who have made outstanding contributions to the Ada community at large, or have been of outstanding service to SIGAda. On behalf of the SIGAda Awards Committee, I'm pleased announce the 1997 recipients.

For the *Distinguished Service Award*, which recognizes exceptional contributions to SIGAda activities & products, the recipients are:

**Brad Balfour**

Brad has contributed in many vital ways to the program committees of TRI-Ada Conferences, and is one of the key organizers of the Washington Ada Symposium. He has been an active participant in SIGAda working groups such as ALIWG, and is a co-founder of the Patterns Working Group. While SIGAda Secretary, he designed, implemented, and has maintained the SIGAda Web site, an invaluable source of information for SIGAda members and others interested in Ada.

**Hal Hart**

Hal has been an officer of SIGAda longer than any other person, and has at one time or another held half the positions on the executive committee. He led the formation of the first local AdaTEC chapter, was the Chair of SIGAda's Environmental Working Group, and chaired SETI conferences. In his 6 years as Vice-Chair for Liaison, he helped form many of the local SIGAda chapters. In his 4 years as Treasurer, he helped working groups such as ARTEWG and NUMWG get funding. In his 4 years as SIGAda Chair, he pushed the SIGAda Awareness Initiative and helped me send the SIGAda booth to 30 conferences. Who knows what he'll do as Past Chair?

For the *Ada Community Contribution Award*, which recognizes broad, lasting contributions to Ada technology and usage, the recipients are:

### Kenneth L. Bowles

Ken was a member of the Ada Board. He founded TeleSoft Corporation, leading that company to produce the first commercially available Ada compiler, and become a major vendor in the Ada marketplace. To this day several projects continue to use the TeleSoft TeleGen2 compilation system. He worked with many organizations to promote the use of Ada. He worked on language maintenance issues for Ada83 and the design of Ada95. He gave many excellent presentations to SIGAda.

### Jim Moore

Jim worked with TeleSoft on the Ada compiler for SUBACS. That compiler evolved into one now owned by OC Systems. He played a leading role with IBM's STARS Program. Jim leads the re-use standards effort and has been chairman of ACM's Standards Committee. He is past Secretary and current Convener of WG9, the Ada International Standards Working Group.

### Edmond Schonberg

Ed has played a key role in the Ada community since the early days of the Green Language. As a Professor of Computer Science at New York University, he has taught Ada to many students. He was one of the principal developers of the first validated compiler (NYU Ada/Ed). His work has resulted in major advances in Ada language and compiler technology. As Vice President at Ada Core Technologies, he has led the development of the GNAT front end; his co-workers say that without his extraordinary contribution GNAT would not exist. Finally, he is the co-author of and accompanist for *Ada & the Mandate*, and the *Musical Adventures of Lady Ada*.

Thanks to everyone who submitted nominations for the 1997 awards, and to the Awards Committee members for their thoughtful consideration of the candidates.

The nominations for the 1998 Awards are open. Please look for the announcement in this issue of *AdaLetters*, and on the SIGAda Website, for instructions on how to submit nominations.

Sincerely,

Edward Colbert  
Chair  
ACM SIGAda Awards Committee