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Moshe Vardi to Receive ACM Presidential Award

Rice University Professor Credited with Revitalizing *Communications of the ACM*

NEW YORK, June 20, 2017 – ACM President Vicki L. Hanson has announced that Moshe Y. Vardi, the Karen Ostrum George Distinguished Service Professor in Computational Engineering and Director of the Ken Kennedy Institute for Information Technology at Rice University, will receive the 2017 ACM Presidential Award. Vardi is recognized for building *Communications of the ACM*, the Association for Computing Machinery's flagship publication, into the computing field's preeminent print and online magazine.

Communications of the ACM was established in 1958 and today has a worldwide circulation of nearly 100,000. Though always a respected computing publication, by the time Vardi became editor in July, 2008, many came to believe that *Communications'* editorial content had drifted away from the core interests of the ACM community. Leading *Communications'* editorial board and staff, Vardi broadened the magazine's editorial focus to offer a truly global view of the computing community. *Communications* rapidly became a "must-read," known for its industry news, insightful and biting commentary, analyses of real-world applications, historic technology overviews, and in-depth articles on computing research that are accessible to a broad-based audience.

"*Communications* is the main vehicle ACM uses to share with the world the excitement of working in this field," explained Hanson. "The magazine also serves as a public square in which ACM members from different disciplines and regions read about the most recent developments in computing, offer their viewpoints and stay connected. During his tenure, Moshe has transformed *Communications of the ACM* into a publication that is essential, accessible and enjoyable."

In addition to strengthening the content of the publication, Vardi is cited for leveraging the latest technologies to expand the magazine's worldwide audience. He initiated and oversaw the development of the *Communications* website, digital edition and mobile apps— all of which have significantly increased the magazine's readership and influence.

The ACM Presidential Award is given at the discretion of the ACM President to individuals whose contributions in computing fall within the goals of the Association for Computing Machinery. Vardi will be formally recognized at the ACM Awards banquet on June 24, 2017 in San Francisco.

About *Communications of the ACM*

ACM's flagship magazine, *[Communications of the ACM](#)*, is the premier chronicler of computing technologies, covering the latest discoveries, innovations, and research that inspire and influence the field. Each month, *Communications* brings readers in-depth stories of emerging areas of computer science, new trends in IT, and practical research applications. Industry leaders choose *Communications* to debate technology implications, public policies, engineering challenges, and market trends. Read by nearly 100,000 computing researchers and practitioners worldwide, *Communications* is recognized as the most trusted and knowledgeable source of industry information for today's computing professional.

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