

Stanley Baron Receives 2003 SMPTE Progress Medal

Stanley N. Baron was presented with the 2003 SMPTE Progress Medal at the June 2-5, 2003 engineering committee meetings in Portland, ME. The citation reads: This year's award is presented to Stanley Baron for his outstanding contributions to digital television and to worldwide digital television standards. Stan has well over 30 years of experience in the design and development of digital television systems. His work has been widely recognized by bodies such as the NAB, the David Sarnoff Center and the New York Academy of Science. Mr. Baron served as Chairman of the ATSC and Chairman of ITU-R Task Group 11/3. As a proponent of international cooperation and standardization, he received the 2001 IEEE Charles Proteus Steinmetz Award for his "significant contributions to the development of national and international standards for DTV."

Mr. Baron has been elected a Fellow of the SMPTE, a Fellow of the IEEE, and an Honorary Fellow of the UK Royal Television Society. Previously, he was President of the SMPTE and served two terms as SMPTE Engineering

Vice-President. Now SMPTE awards its Progress Medal in recognition of a lifetime of achievement, and of service to the Society and the industry.—Carlos V. Girod, Jr., P.E.



Stanley N. Baron (c), a past SMPTE President and past Engineering Vice-President receives the 2003 SMPTE Progress Medal from current Engineering Vice-President Peter D. Symes (l) and past Engineering Vice-President William C. Miller (r).

New Products

Converter

Telemetrics has introduced the TM-AUX-CONV S2 auxiliary converter that provides control for various types of audio and video devices, including mixers, switchers, voltage-control amplifiers, and more. The TM-AUX is a special-purpose serial input with control output signals to various system accessories. The standalone unit is powered and controlled through a Telemetrics pan/tilt mechanism. It provides four contact closures selectable in a normally open or closed configuration. In addition, a universal serial input port, lens extender control, and two analog output channels are provided. Six analog input and four discrete channels used for input or output are also available as an option.

Demodulator

Tandberg Television has launched a multichannel 8-VSB demodulator for cable headends. The TT6330 MediaLink is designed to take off-air 8-VSB digital television (DTV) signals and demodulate them into individual ASI streams for remultiplexing and remodulation prior to transport through a cable network. The multichannel capacity of the TT6330 allows cable operators to feed existing off-air transmissions while adding newly established DTV channels to their systems. Up to 13 channels of demodulation can be realized in one 3-RU chassis. When positioned at a central headend or local network hub, the TT6330 accepts transmissions directly from the antenna and demodulates them to an ASI format. Those ASI output signals are then forwarded either to a cable headend multiplexer or directly to a digital cable modulator. The unit also supports PSIP table modification capabilities.



The HA42x9.7 HD lens from Fujinon.



Panasonic's PT-LC76U micro-portable projector.



Tandberg's TT6330 medialink 8 VSB demodulator.