

## WITI (WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL) INDUCTS HALL OF FAME MEMBERS AS PART OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*From the World's First Computer Programmers to Women Who Have Pioneered New Scientific and Technology Breakthroughs, WITI Hall of Fame Alumnae Represent the World's Most Prestigious Women in Science and Technology*

**Silicon Valley, Calif., November 14, 2005** – WITI (Women in Technology International), the nation's leading professional organization for tech-savvy women, is proud to announce the selection of six new inductees to its annual WITI Hall of Fame during an awards ceremony and gala on December 8, 2005. Considered the most prestigious award honoring women in science and technology, this year's inductees come from diverse backgrounds and serve as leaders for a variety of organizations and were chosen for their innovative work in their respective industries.

### The 2005 inductees are:

- **Barbara Bauer**, vice president software engineering and development, Sun Microsystems, is known for spearheading several advanced projects that have redefined technology roadmaps, while also volunteering to serve as president for Girl's Count, a non-profit Colorado-based coalition formed to promote mathematical, science and technology education among girl students.
- **Sonja Bernhardt**, chief executive officer, Thoughtware Australia, a champion of IT within her home country and is the innovator behind results achieving women in science and technology groups across Australia which lead wide-scale programs that create professional and academic development opportunities, thus helping thousands of school students and hundreds of professionals within Australia's IT industry.
- **Sandra E. Burke**, Ph.D, director of Cardiovascular Systems Research at Abbott who is being honored for her research into drug-coated intravascular stents for the treatment of restenosis (the re-narrowing of arteries) – a cardiovascular device that promises a significant improvement for surgical procedures to heart patients. She is also actively involved in the company's networking groups Women Leaders in Action and Black Business Network.
- **Melendy Lovett**, president, Texas Instruments Educational & Productivity Solutions, the first woman in that company's history to be named business President, and founder of the Women of Texas Instruments Fund, an organization that champions math, science and technology education opportunities for young women.
- **Amparo Moraleda Martinez**, IBM general manager, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Israel and Turkey, who has been voted "The Most Valued Executive Woman" in Spain and among the top IT business leaders in EMEA.
- **Neerja Raman**, director, Imaging Systems Lab, HP Labs, HP, where she leads her team in creating the strategic vision and technology for the company's innovative imaging and printing products and services.

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“As Hall of Fame inductees, these women are the role models and sources of inspiration for the next generation of women interested in pursuing careers in science and technology,” said Carolyn Leighton, CEO, chairwoman and founder of WITI. “All Hall of Fame winners are selected by an independent panel of judges for their contributions in these fields, as well as their commitment to support and mentor other women.”

This year’s Hall of Fame also underscore the "international" in WITI. The extraordinary line-up of winners for the 10th Anniversary celebration includes women from Spain and Australia who will join an illustrious group of former winners including Chieko Asakawa, IBM Research, who has developed technologies for the blind and visually impaired; Stephanie Kwolek, who developed the technology behind Kevlar, the material used in bulletproof vests and the ENIAC programming team, the groundbreaking, six woman team appointed by the U.S. Army during World War II to program the first all-electronic digital computer.

In celebration of its 10th year anniversary, this year’s event will honor the 2005 inductees along with the 55 past recipients. The awards ceremony and gala will take place at the WITI Silicon Valley Conference at the Doubletree Hotel San Jose on December 8, 2005 as part of a two-day professional educational and networking conference, “Taking the Lead in the Digital Age.”

WITI, a global organization dedicated to empowering women through technology, founded the Hall of Fame through its Women in Technology Foundation, a non-profit organization that annually co-hosts the event as a fundraiser, not just to recognize these innovative women, but to encourage young girls and women to become technology literate and pursue careers in these fields. For more information, visit [www.witi.com/center/witimuseum/halloffame](http://www.witi.com/center/witimuseum/halloffame).

#### **About WITI**

Since 1989, WITI is the premiere global trade professional association for tech-savvy women who acquire wealth, power and influence in the business marketplace. With a global network of smart, talented women and a market reach exceeding 2 million, WITI has established powerful strategic alliances and programs to provide connections, resources, and opportunities within a supportive environment of women committed to helping each other. WITI's mission is to empower women worldwide to achieve unimagined possibilities and transformations through technology, leadership and economic prosperity.

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