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The Cable & Satellite International Awards are judged on technical merit and market contribution by an independent, experienced and highly respected pool of international industry figures.



Anna Hunt

Anna is the director of IMS Research's Consumer Electronics group, where she oversees the direction of the group's research in the digital TV and consumer industries. She has almost a decade of industry experience in market research, marketing communications, and branding in enterprise technology sectors. Prior to joining IMS Research, Anna was the Americas region marketing and communications director for French enterprise software company, ICOM Informatics.

Dirk Jaeger

Dirk acted as technical director at EuroCableLabs from Oct 2001 to Dec 2007. He is co-ordinating the EU-funded project ReDeSign and is active as chairman of technical committees of standardisation various bodies and associations. Has been appointed into various advisory committees. He is a member of FKTG (Germany) and SCTE (UK) and has published a number of papers on aspects of cable, digital television and communications technologies in various journals.



Frank Dickson

Frank is co-founder and chief research officer at MultiMedia Intelligence. He has in-depth expertise in focus areas including Internet TV, IPTV, video on demand, home networking, mobile video and content platforms. Prior, he was senior director of In-Stat's Convergence Groups.

Dr George T Waters

Dr Waters joined RTE, the Irish public broadcaster, in 1956 as a member of the team that prepared the launch of television in 1961. He was also director of the technical department at EBU, a co-founder of the International Academy of Broadcasting and is its president since 1993. He also chaired the DVB World conferences for eight years. Dr Waters is a life fellow of the SMPTE and a fellow of the IET.



Jeff Heynen

Jeff currently serves as directing analyst, broadband and IPTV, at Infonetics Research. He joined Infonetics in 2005, after four years as senior product marketing manager with VoIP switch equipment startup Sentio Networks, and two years as marketing communications manager with telecoms infrastructure manufacturer Tellabs.



John Moroney

John is a founding director of Octegra, which provides independent market research and strategic advice for companies in the telecoms, IT and media sectors. John has 25 years of industry knowledge. Prior to setting up Octegra, John was a principal consultant at Ovum, an associate director at Gartner and a senior executive with BT.



Ken McCann

Ken McCann is a director and co-founder of ZetaCast, an independent technology consultancy company specialising in digital TV and multimedia. Ken contributed significantly to the development of the MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 standards and has chaired the DVB technical group responsible for audio visual coding specifications (TM-AVC) since its inception some 14 years ago. Prior to founding ZetaCast, Ken was technology director at NTL Broadcast.



Mark Kirstein

Mark is co-founder and president at analyst firm MultiMedia Intelligence. He has 20 years of industry experience.

Prior to founding MultiMedia Intelligence, Mark founded the market research company, Minova Technology, which subsequently became the foundation of iSuppli's multimedia research coverage, lead by Mark. Previously, Mark was VP and general manager of In-Stat.



Mark Meza

Mark Meza is a senior analyst with IMS Research's Consumer Electronics group. Mark manages and co-ordinates the quarterly updates of IMS Research's Online Television Database and Market Intelligence Service.

In addition, Mark covers the worldwide payTV industry and markets for digital TV. He also has a specific focus on satellite, cable, IPTV, DTT set-top boxes, and compression technologies for delivery of TV services, as well as DVD players and recorders and digital picture frames.



Neil Dormand

Neil spent over a decade working in BBCTV studios in engineering roles, as well as general manager of technology and production services. Following retirement from the BBC in 2000, Neil became technology consultant to the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association. He has also held a number of directorships in broadcast related companies and is an associate of the Bakewell House Consultancy. Neil is a member of the IBC Conference Committee and Chairman of the Thames Valley Centre of the Royal Television Society.



Phil Reed

Phil Reed is a freelance journalist and engineer with over 38 years of experience in the broadcast industry. He started as an engineer, working for the BBC and moved into systems with both Ampex and Sony. He has worked for both facility and production companies and has a thorough knowledge of today's equipment and operational practices.



Dr Roger Blakeway

Dr Blakeway is president of the SCTE (Society of Telecommunication Engineers), a post which he has held for the last 12 years. The SCTE serves the technicians and engineers involved in the cable telecommunications and allied fields. Dr Blakeway has been involved in the cable communications industry for over 20 years, holding engineering director positions in Westminster Cable TV, Videotron, Cable & Wireless and DIVA.



Sebastian Moeritz

Sebastian is an internationally recognised figure in the field of digital video coding and its various applications. Since 1996, he has been involved in a number of IT-related ventures and joined dicas, a developer of ISO MPEG-4 real-time video coding solutions, based in Germany, as its CEO in the beginning of 2001.

Since 2004, Sebastian has been president of the MPEG Industry Forum (MPEGIF).



Shane Walker

Shane Walker is an analyst with IMS Research's Consumer Electronics group, where he researches the worldwide markets for digital TV and his area of expertise includes IP delivery of payTV services, including telco TV and internet TV. In addition, Shane covers worldwide developments of HDTV equipment and services. Before joining IMS Research, Shane spent several years in the computer software sector.



Simon Gauntlett

Simon is technology director of the Digital Television Group (DTG), where he is responsible for setting the organisation's strategic technical vision. Since joining the DTG in 2006, Simon has edited and published an updated version of the D-Book (the technical specification for DTT in the UK), and has established working groups for IPTV. In early 2008, he supported the launch of the UK's free-to-air satellite platform, Freesat, and is currently working with the Group's membership to facilitate the introduction of HD on the DTT platform using the new DVB-T2 standard.

Prior to working for the DTG, Simon spent seven years at the BBC's R&D department, where he specialised in compression technologies for HD video and the delivery of HDTV.

Nick Flaherty

Nick is a writer and consultant on electronics and technology, from the silicon chips up to PCs and telecoms and networking equipment. Nick writes for CSI and many weekly and monthly industry publications in the UK. He has worked for *Electronics Times*, *Electronic Engineering* and edited *Multimedia Silicon*. Nick is a physics honours graduate from the University of York.