

Memorandum On The Selection Of

Jack K. Wolf

As The Recipient Of The 2007 Aaron D. Wyner Distinguished Service Award

Committee Members: Ian Blake, Tony Ephremides, Marc Fossorier, Dave Neuhoff, and Bixio Rimoldi (chair).

Justification: Jack Wolf has been in the "trenches" fighting for our Society and our field since the early sixties. For almost half a century he has been an ardent and eloquent spokesman and advocate for Information Theory. He has served the Society as President, ISIT Technical Program Chair, Workshop organizer, Associate Editor, Panelist, invited speaker on numerous occasions, and a member of the Board of Governors for many terms. He was among the pioneers who established a working order for our Society, including the preparation of the Constitution and ByLaws that Aaron Wyner led in the early seventies. He was an eloquent IT ambassador to the Communications Society for many years and an international activist on behalf of our field. His diplomatic acumen was crucial during periods of challenge to our Society and his good sense of humor almost defined the tone of discourse in our field. Having been a close friend of Aaron Wyner he shared with him a passion for making our field a pole of attraction for bright young minds. His accomplishments and his attitude epitomize true service and leadership of the highest caliber. It is thus an honor for the rest of us to recognize Jack as the recipient of the Aaron Wyner Award this year.