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## **Stuart Elliot Madnick IQ Best Paper Award Announced**

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, USA On Saturday, November 11, at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual International Conference on Information Quality (ICIQ) held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, three major announcements were made:

1. The establishment of the Stuart Elliot Madnick IQ Best Paper Award
2. The approval of the new ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) *Journal of Data and Information Quality*
3. The start of a Master of Science degree in Information Quality (IQ) at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the first-of-its-kind, as well as plans for the first PhD program in IQ

Dr. **Richard Wang**, founder of the ICIQ conference and Director of the Information Quality program in MIT's Engineering Systems Division, announced the establishment of the Stuart Elliot Madnick IQ Best Paper Award. This award is to further the emerging field of Information Quality (IQ) and encourage high-quality papers to be published in this premier IQ conference. An initial endowment was provided by the MIT Information Quality program. The award was named to recognize the distinguished contributions by **Stuart Madnick**, the John Norris Maguire Professor of Information Technology, MIT Sloan School of Management and Professor of Engineering Systems, MIT School of Engineering. Prof. Madnick was one of the founders of the Information Quality field and has been instrumental in all initiatives leading to the above three milestones.

During the Conference, the German Society of Information Quality (DGIQ), led by Mr. Michael Mielke and Dr. Marcus GeBauer, donated US\$1,000 to the Madnick IQ Best Paper Award Fund. Cairo Corporation, led by Ms. Alba M. Alemán and Mr. Raymond Roberts, donated an additional US\$5,000.



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Prof. Leo Pipino, chairman of the 2006 Madnick Best IQ Paper Award committee, announced that this year the award was given to two papers that tied for best paper: *Delivering Data On Time: The Assurant Health Case* by Pravin Nadkarni of Assurant, Inc. and *The Effects of Data Quality on Machine Learning Algorithms* by Valerie Sessions and Marco Valtorta of the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Mary L. Good, Dean of the Donaghey College of Information Science and Systems Engineering of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), gave the keynote speech at the conference and announced, "We have 25 students enrolled in the first-in-the-world Master of Science in Information Quality (MSIQ) degree program at UALR in Fall 2006; they will be available for firms to recruit in Spring 2007. Over the next 3-5 years, UALR plans to possibly extend the program to a PhD degree in IQ."

During his lunch speech, Prof. Madnick reported that the Publications Board of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)<sup>1</sup> has officially approved the proposal for a new *ACM Journal of Data and Information Quality*, which grew out of efforts initiated by the MIT Information Quality Program (<http://MITIQ.MIT.EDU>) and the International Conference on Information Quality (<http://www.IQConference.org>). Prof. Yang Lee ([y.lee@neu.edu](mailto:y.lee@neu.edu)) of Northeastern University and Prof. Stuart Madnick ([smadnick@mit.edu](mailto:smadnick@mit.edu)) of MIT are the founding Editors-in-Chief of the new journal.

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<sup>1</sup> ACM, established in 1947, is the world's oldest and largest educational and scientific computing society. Today, ACM serves a membership of over 84,000 computing professionals and students in more than 100 countries in all areas of industry, academia, and government.



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From left to right: Stuart Madnick, Richard Wang, Mary Good, Yang Lee



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From left to right: Leo Pipino, Stuart Madnick, Valerie Sessions



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