-- Announcement --
2003 Raj Mittra Travel Grants

Raj Mittra Travel Grants (RMTG) have been established by former students and research associates of Raj Mittra to support travel by qualified graduate students and research scientists to the annual IEEE AP-S/URSI Symposium. The purpose of the grants is to encourage participation in the Symposium by junior and senior researchers. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply after carefully reading the following information to insure their eligibility and ability to comply with the application requirements and deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates need not be members of either IEEE or URSI, but must have contributions accepted for presentation at the 2003 IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society International Symposium and USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, USA (http://aps2003.eng.ohio-state.edu/). Awardees must personally present their contributions at a regular AP-S or URSI Commission B session organized at the Symposium.

AWARDS: Two grants in the amount of $750 each are available to young scientists (graduate students or researchers with no more than five years experience since the Ph.D.) pursuing research in areas of traditional interest to AP-S or Commission B of URSI. A third grant for $1,000 may be awarded to a senior researcher associated with a research or educational institution and who has an active research program in areas of interest to AP-S or URSI Commission B. In recent years, the Symposium has also waived conference registration fees for RMTG awardees; this policy is likely to continue, but is not guaranteed. Award presentations cannot be made before the Symposium, and therefore awardees must make their own arrangements to cover travel expenses to the meeting to receive the award.

APPLICATION & SCHEDULE: The application process is conducted to the extent possible via E-mail. To receive an E-mail application kit with filing instructions, please submit a request for an RMTG Award Application Kit to the awards Chair at "wilton@uh.edu." The kit also details items to be submitted by each candidate; these include short biographical and research publication summaries, and a copy of all summaries or abstracts submitted to the meeting. Applicants must also solicit letters of reference, a statement of need for travel support, and letter of endorsement from the candidate's institution. The latter statement should also indicate the institution's willingness to supplement travel expenses on an as-needed basis if the candidate is selected to receive a grant. Though E-mail submission of all externally solicited items is much preferred, they may also be sent by standard postal service or by fax. No application can be processed until all application materials are received by the awards Chair. The due date for applications is January 15, 2003, the same as that for web-based submission of abstracts and summaries to the Symposium. The selection of Awardees and alternates will be completed prior to the meeting of the Symposium Technical Program Committee (TPC) -- usually within a month of the above date.

SELECTION: Selection of an Awardee is based upon the candidate's potential or demonstrated aptitude for research. Following the usual submission guidelines, candidates and alternates must also have their abstracts or summaries accepted by the TPC. Successful RMTG candidates will be notified of their selection immediately following the TPC meeting.