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**Dr. Telle Whitney Receives Marie R. Pistilli Award for Contributions to the Advancement of Women in EDA**

*Annual Award to be Presented During Workshop for Women in Design Automation at 46th DAC*

**LOUISVILLE, Colo. – June 1, 2009** – Dr. Telle Whitney, president and CEO of the Anita Borg Institute, is the recipient of the Tenth Annual Marie R. Pistilli Women in Electronic Design Automation (EDA) Achievement Award. The award honors Whitney for her extensive contributions to women working in technology, both as a role model while she worked in the semiconductor and telecommunications industries and as a leader with the Anita Borg Institute, as well as her other volunteer and professional roles. The award will be presented during the [Workshop for Women in Design Automation \(WWINDA\)](#) on July 27, 2008 as part of the [46th Design Automation Conference \(DAC\)](#), which will be held July 26 – 31, 2009 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

“Throughout her career, Telle has made significant contributions to help advance other women, and it is an honor to present her with this award,” said Karla Reynolds, 2009 WWINDA Committee Chair. “Men and women working in EDA have benefitted tremendously from her energy and commitment to all she does.”

Dr. Telle Whitney has been the president and CEO of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology for the last six years. She has more than 20 years of experience in the semiconductor and telecommunications industries, including previous senior technical management positions with Malleable Technologies (now PMC-Sierra) and Actel Corporation. In addition, Whitney is a

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co-founder of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference. Whitney also belongs to several industry groups and is currently the co-chair of the ACM Distinguished Member Committee. A former member of the National Science Foundation Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE), she is a co-founder of the National Center for Women & Information Technology. Whitney belongs to the advisory boards of MentorNet and the Professional Business Women's Conference, and is a member of CRA-W. Whitney holds Ph.D. and bachelor's degrees in computer science from Caltech and the University of Utah, respectively.

### **About the Marie R. Pistilli Award**

The Marie R. Pistilli award is given to individuals who have made notable contributions through their work that helped to advance women in the EDA industry. The award is open to men and women in industry or academia with technical or non-technical backgrounds. For additional information on the award, including previous recipients, visit the DAC Web site at <http://www.dac.com/46th/mrpaward.html>.

### **About the Workshop for Women in Design Automation**

The Workshop for Women in Design Automation (WWINDA), held during the annual Design Automation Conference (DAC), is a professional development event for men and women in the Electronic Design Automation (EDA) field. The workshop serves as a forum to exchange ideas for building a successful career within the profession and offers an opportunity for peer-to-peer networking. An address by the yearly recipient of the Marie R. Pistilli Women in EDA Award is part of the program, as is a keynote by a highly visible woman from within the industry. A panel made up of successful role models who discuss a relevant and timely topic rounds out the agenda. Details are found at the DAC Web site, located at: [www.dac.com](http://www.dac.com).

### **About DAC**

The Design Automation Conference (DAC) is recognized as the premier event for the design of electronic circuits and systems, and for Electronic Design Automation (EDA) and silicon solutions. A diverse worldwide community representing more than 1,000 organizations attends

each year, from system designers and architects, logic and circuit designers, validation engineers, CAD managers, senior managers and executives to researchers and academicians from leading universities. Close to 60 technical sessions selected by a committee of electronic design experts offer information on recent developments and trends, management practices and new products, methodologies and technologies. A highlight of DAC is its Exhibition and Suite area with approximately 200 of the leading and emerging EDA, silicon, IP and design services providers. The conference is sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the Electronic Design Automation Consortium (EDA Consortium), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and is supported by ACM's Special Interest Group on Design Automation (SIGDA) and IEEE's Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA), Circuits and Systems Society (CASS), and Computer-Aided Network Design (CANDE) Committee. More details are available at: [www.dac.com](http://www.dac.com).

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