

# DES Recognizes Employees for Best Technical Writing

Northrop Grumman IT has two programs to recognize authors for their technical writing skills—the Technical Author Recognition Program and the Best Technical Paper Award.

To be eligible for either award, the author must get permission to publish the article before submitting it to the publisher. Papers published in professional magazines and journals are eligible for awards. PowerPoint presentations are not.

After the article is published, the author must send proof of publication to Publication Awards Administrator Renu Kapoor. Renu then initiates the Technical Author Recognition Award, which is valued at \$500. If multiple authors are involved, the award must be split among the winners.

All papers submitted and approved for the Technical Author Recognition Award become candidates for the DES Best Technical Paper of the year. The Office of the Technical Director coordinates this award, which is worth \$1,000. Representatives from each operating unit participate in the selection. Criteria are:

- Best combination of technical depth and innovation
- Quality of presentation
- Relevance to Northrop Grumman IT business

The DES Best Technical Paper competes for the Northrop Grumman IT Best Technical Paper Award, which is worth \$2,500. The Northrop Grumman IT Office of Technology, Engineering and Quality coordinates the effort and uses the same selection criteria as the DES Best Technical Paper. [E](#)

## The Winner Is...

Mario Latendresse's paper "*Generation of Fast Interpreters for Huffman Compressed Byte Code*" was selected DES Best Technical Paper for 2003.



**Congratulations, Mario!**

**Mario Latendresse**

## 2003 Technical Author Award Recipients

In 2003, the following employees received Technical Author Recognition Awards.

- *Demonstrating Information Resiliency Excerpts from Final Technical Report (AFRL-IF-RS-TR-2001-156)* - **Dennis McCallam, Ron Newland, and Kevin Kost.**
- *Fast Symbolic Evaluation of C/C++ Preprocessing Using Conditional Values* - **Mario Latendresse.**
- *Real-World Maintenance Optimization Using Modeling and Simulation at the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility Located at White Sands Missile Range* - **Randy Rankin.**
- *A Fair Fight Assessment Tool for Distributed Simulations* - **Terrence McDermott, and Michael Butterworth.**
- *Generation of Fast Interpreters for Huffman Compressed Byte Code* - **Mario Latendresse.**
- *Supporting the Transfer of Large Environmental Data Objects over a Connectionless RTI* - **Robert Reynolds.**
- *Historical Perspectives - Advanced Ballistic Reentry Systems Testing* - **James McCormack.**
- *RegReg: A Lightweight Generator of Robust Parsers for Irregular Languages* - **Mario Latendresse.**
- *Demonstrating Consistency of Small Data Sets; Application of the Weisberg t-test* - **Thomas Curry.**