



## Edwin A. Link Award - Request for Nominations

In preparation for the 2019 FSEMC, we are pleased to request nominations for the Edwin A. Link Award that will be presented during the FSEMC Opening Session.

Each year, FSEMC encourages the contribution of ideas, leadership and innovation by allowing individuals to be nominated for the Edwin A. Link Award prior to the annual FSEMC. The award recognizes one individual for outstanding personal achievement. The Edwin A. Link Award has become world-renowned as the simulation industry's highest award for individual achievement.

Edwin A. Link Awards have been presented to outstanding members of the simulation community. The Edwin A. Link Award is likely to be the most important award they have ever received.

To submit a nomination, please think about a person who has impressed you by performing above the routine responsibility of their job to benefit the simulation industry. It can be something they have done over the past year, or several years.

Next, using the nomination form at the FSEMC website, please complete and submit your candidate prior to the **July 10, 2019** deadline. And remember, each nomination must include a supporting nomination in order to be considered. For more information, visit:

<http://www.aviation-ia.com/fsemc/upcoming/index.html>

Contact Sam Buckwalter at [sam.buckwalter@sae-itc.org](mailto:sam.buckwalter@sae-itc.org) for questions.



**2018 Edwin A. Link Award**  
**Jim Takats**  
**Takats Aerospace Group**



Edwin A. Link



## Link Award Criteria

The Link Award is intended for recognize an individual for technical knowledge, skills, and leadership in the flight simulation training industry. Innovation that benefits the industry should be weighted more than the other two criteria.

**Innovation** – This could be revolutionary ideas that benefit the industry (think Edwin Link). Or a series of progressive evolutionary ideas that comprise continuous improvement. A focus on reliability, safety, and efficiency may be the measurements that need to be documented.

**Outstanding personal achievement** – This criteria favors individuals with a lengthy background in simulation, a remarkable career path, and a collection of accolades and respect in the industry.

**Leadership qualities** – This could be a derivative of the above, but not necessarily. Integrity, followership, mentorship, and team focus should be demonstrated and documented in character statements in the nomination(s).



## Edwin A. Link Award - Recipients



2019- Utrecht, Netherlands  
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2018 – Dallas, Texas  
Jim Takats  
Takats Aerospace Group



2017 – Memphis, Tennessee  
Rudy Frasca  
Frasca International, Inc.



2016 – Hong Kong  
Bernard Mattos  
Airbus



2014 – Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Itash Samani  
CAE



2012 – Dallas, Texas  
Jeff Everett  
RSI Visual Systems



2011 – Orlando, Florida  
Joe Mays and Richard Holmes  
Barco



2010 – Brighton, England  
Dr. David White  
Thales



2009 – Cairo, Egypt  
Craig Phillips  
RSI Visual Systems



2008 – Salt Lake City, Utah  
Andy Ramsden  
Rockwell Collins



2007 – Montreal, Canada  
Joe Biller  
Link Simulation



2005 – Seattle, Washington  
Jim Guvernator  
Southwest Airlines



2004 – Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Stuart N. Wilmott  
CAE SimuFlite



2003 – Prague, Czech Rep  
Dr. John Hunt  
General Precision



**2002 – Tampa, Florida**  
**Kendall W. Neville**  
**The Boeing Company**



**2001 – Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Stuart Anderson**  
**Evan and Sutherland**



**2000 – Toulouse, France**  
**Joe Depaola**  
**American Airlines**



**1999 – Denver, Colorado**  
**Wolf Dieter-Hass**  
**Lufthansa Flight Training**