



Edwin A. Link Award - Request for Nominations

In preparation for the 2022 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 **June 22, 2022** deadline. And remember, each nomination must include a supporting nomination in order to be considered. For more information, visit:

<https://www.aviation-ia.com/conferences/flight-simulator-engineering-and-maintenance-conference>

Contact Scott Smith at Scott.Smith@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
Mark Dransfield
Sim Ops



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