

## Battelle recognizes first 'Distinguished Inventors'



Bob Zieg, Battelle IP Counsel, shares a light moment with the audience at the recent Distinguished Inventors ceremony.

Battelle honored 29 of its distinguished inventors last month in a ceremony in Columbus hosted by President and CEO Carl Kohrt and Intellectual Property Counsel Bob Zieg.

Each inventor, officially known as the Distinguished Inventors of Battelle, has been awarded at least 14 patents during their careers at Battelle. Thirteen inventors were from Battelle Columbus, 11 from ORNL, three from PNNL and two from Brookhaven. Each was honored with a plaque displayed in the main lobby of Battelle Columbus Operations.

"This is a special occasion. It's always special to be around creative people," Carl said during the ceremony. "This 'Wall of Fame,' as we've come to call it, gives us an opportunity to celebrate these people. Patents are one way to recognize the creative process, and they are very important.

"Of course, there is another group at Battelle that can't be recognized with patents because of the sensitive nature of their work," Carl continued. "We'd like to take this opportunity to honor them as well."

The inventors' achievements range from early patents in Xerography, to cutting-edge work in fiber optics and new polymer applications to medical advancements.

Battelle plans to honor new Distinguished Inventors annually by holding a plaque dedication each year. Upon retirement, each Distinguished Inventor will be given his or her plaque.



Carl Kohrt presents a Distinguished Inventor award to Richard Dick.

### The Distinguished Inventors:

#### Battelle Columbus

Paul Andrus  
William Atterbury  
Douglas Boyd  
Richard Dick  
James Dvorsky  
Matthew Fleming  
Vincent McGinniss  
Barbara Metz  
Roger Smith  
James Swain  
Sherwood Talbert  
David Thomas  
Jan Yates

#### Brookhaven

Suresh Srivastava  
Toshifumi Sugama

#### Oak Ridge

Timothy Burchell  
Amit Goyal  
Donald Kroeger  
Chain Liu  
Rodney McKee  
M. Parans Paranthaman  
J. Michael Ramsey  
Vinod Sikka  
Thomas Thundat  
Terry Tiegs  
Tuan Vo-Dinh

#### PNNL

Lane Bray  
Dominic Cataldo  
Richard Smith