Prof. Keith Miller Named a Finalist for 2011 World Technology Award in Ethics

Recognized for Visionary Contribution to Science and Technology

Winner to be Announced at United Nations headquarters

NEW YORK, NY – September 5, 2011 - The World Technology Network (“The WTN,” www.wtn.net) announced today that Professor Keith Miller has been named a finalist for a prestigious World Technology Award for Ethics, presented by the WTN in association with TIME, Fortune, CNN, Science/AAAS, and Technology Review. Prof. Miller joins a roster of organizations and individuals from over 60 countries around the world deemed to be doing the most innovative and impactful work.

The World Technology Awards have been presented by the WTN since 2000, as a way to honor those in 20 different categories of science and technology and related fields doing “the innovative work of the greatest likely long-term significance.” Nominees for the 2011 World Technology Awards were selected through an intense process by the WTN Fellows (winners and finalists from previous annual Award cycles in the individual Award categories) through an intensive, global process lasting many months. Winners will be selected from among the finalists with the input of a select group of prominent Advisors and will be announced in a ceremony at the United Nations.
The Advisors for 2011 are:

Ray Kurzweil, inventor/futurist/author
Albert Teich, Director, Science and Policy Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science/AAAS (retired, 2011)
Jason Pontin, Editor/Publisher, Technology Review
Lev Grossman, Senior Writer and book critic, TIME; co-author TIME.com blog "Techland"
Oliver Morton (pending), Energy & Environment Editor, The Economist; former Chief News and Features Editor, Nature; Former editor, WIRED (UK edition).

The WTN (www.wtn.net) is a curated membership community comprised of the world’s most innovative individuals and organizations in science, technology, and related fields. The WTN and its members – those creating the 21st century -- are focused on exploring what is imminent, possible, and important in and around emerging technologies.

The winners of the World Technology Awards will be announced during a ceremony at the United Nations on the evening of October 26th at the close of the World Technology Summit, a two-day “thought leadership” conference (Oct. 25/26) held at the TIME & LIFE Building and presented by the World Technology Network in association with TIME magazine, Fortune, CNN, Science/AAAS, Technology Review, and others.

"This year we are more eager than ever to pay tribute to the talent and innovation of our individual and corporate honorees." says James P. Clark, Founder and Chairman of the World Technology Network.

"Through the peer-nomination and peer-review process, we uncover the best of the best in science and technology. We discover
whose work is going to have the greatest likely impact over time. The World Technology Awards give a snapshot of the amazing science and technology revolutions in process.” Clark adds “The World Technology Awards program is not only a very inspiring way to identify and honor the most innovative people and organizations in the technology world, but it also is a truly disciplined way for the WTN membership to identify those who will formally join them, as individual WTN Fellows or Corporate Members, as part of our global community. By working to make useful connections among our members, we look forward to assisting Prof. Miller in continuing to help create our collective future and change our world.”

**About Prof. Miller**

Professor Keith W. Miller has been at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) since 1993. His Ph.D. in Computer Science was from the University of Iowa, his M.S. in Mathematics from the College of William and Mary, and his B.S. in Education from Concordia Teachers College. Prof. Miller’s research specialties are computer ethics and software engineering. In 2009, Miller was named UIS’s Schewe Professor in Liberal Arts and Sciences. He was awarded the 2011 Joseph Weizenbaum Award from the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology. He is the principal investigator for a National Science Foundation award to study the effect of ethics instruction on the technical skills of computer science undergraduates. During his career, Prof. Miller has authored or co-authored over 300 papers and presentations. His current work focuses on robot ethics and professional ethics for computing professionals.
About the World Technology Network (www.wtn.net)
The WTN exists to "encourage serendipity" -- the happy accidents of colliding ideas and new relationships that cause the biggest breakthroughs for individuals and institutions. The WTN works to accomplish its mission through global and regional events for its members and extended audience, to help make connections among them, and to examine the likely implications and possible applications of emerging technologies. The WTN is a curated membership community comprised of the world’s most innovative individuals and organizations in science, technology, and related fields – those creating the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century.

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