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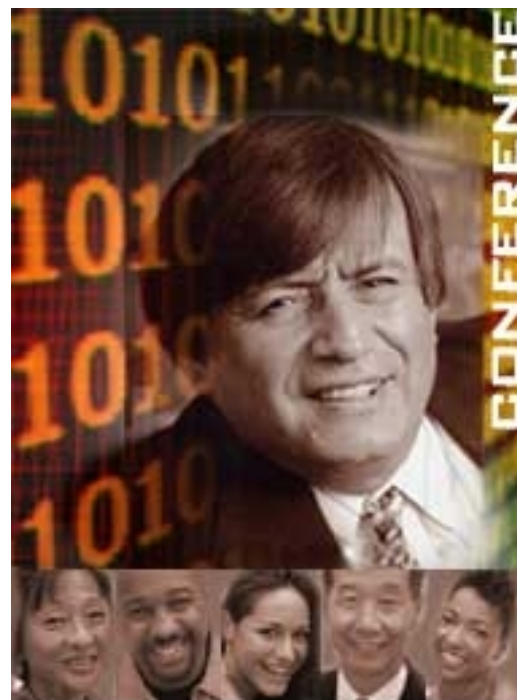
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2005 Conference Theme

*'A Diversity of Scholars – A Tapestry of
Discovery'*



Who Attends the Tapia Conferences

www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Conferences/Tapia2005

For the first Richard Tapia Symposium 2001 we targeted professionals and students, with an emphasis on encouraging student participation via posters and panels. The target audience size was 150, with the actual size being 164. In 2003, the Tapia Conference attendee increased to 259. The audience for the conference series general consists of the following:

- Diverse population of undergraduate and graduate students in computing, which comprise over 50% of the conference attendees
- Diverse ensemble of invited speakers, including Ken Kennedy, Vipin Kumar, Agnes Chan, Juan Meza, Oscar Garcia, Charles Isbell, Sandra Baylor, Juan Gilbert and Nate Dean in 2001 and Warren Washington, Peter Freeman, Valerie Taylor, Jose Munoz, and Eloy Rodriguez in 2003.
- Professionals, representing government, academia and industry.

The conference series is a great success as indicated by the conference evaluations, summarized below.

- More than 90% of each conference's respondents found Tapia 2001 and Tapia 2003 intellectually stimulating.
- 76% of the respondents felt Tapia 2001 increased their desire to conduct research in the areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology; 83% of the respondents reported that Tapia 2003 increased awareness of research conducted by members of diverse groups.
- 61% felt motivated to conduct interdisciplinary research as a result of Tapia 2001; 75% of the undergraduate respondents expressed an increased desire to attend graduate school as a result of Tapia 2003.

The following are quotes from some of the attendees that express the success of the symposium:

“Although I have always been planning on attending graduate school, the conference exceeded my expectations in expediting my decision of when to go, where to study, and what to study. I was impressed by the diversity of attendees. They were diverse in race, personality, interests, and talents, all of which combined to create an amazing setting for networking, and friendships that I will carry through the rest of my life.” [Tapia 2001]

“[The] plenary sessions and technical talks...introduced me to other people's work. [The conference] gave me a lot of ideas on how to broaden my perspective of the useful things we can do with CS knowledge.” [Tapia 2003]

Additional information about the previous Tapia Conferences can be found on the following websites: www.sdsc.edu/Tapia2001 and www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Conferences/Tapia2003.

Conference Components

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- **Doctoral Consortium**

The Doctoral Consortium, to be held as a one-day workshop immediately preceding the Tapia 2005 Conference, provides an opportunity for Ph.D. students to discuss and explore their research interests and career objectives with a panel of established researchers in computing and in computational mathematics, science and engineering. The doctoral consortium has the following objectives:

- To provide a setting for feedback on participants' current research and guidance on future research directions;
- To develop a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative research;
- To provide a new generation of researchers and scientific leaders with advice and insight into academic, research, industrial, and non-traditional career opportunities;
- To contribute to the conference goals through interaction with other researchers and participation in conference events.

- **Richard A. Tapia Achievement Award for Scientific Scholarship, Civic Science, and Diversifying Computing.**

The Richard Tapia Award is intended to honor a person who exemplifies Tapia's work as a "civic scientist" --- a scientist who recognizes that at the center of the complex technological and scientific world are people --- and demonstrates extraordinary leadership in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups in the sciences. The 2001 Tapia Award went to Dr. Bryant York of Portland State University. The 2003 Tapia Award went to Dr. Carlos Castillo-Chavez of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

- **Resume Book of Scholarship Recipients**

We will continue to publish a resume book of all scholarship recipients, which includes top, highly sought-after, diverse students as well as excellent faculty at the Minority Serving Institutions. In addition to the book, the resumes will also be available on-line via the Coalition to Diversify Computing's database (www.sdsc.edu/cdcd).

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