The 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award
Citation for the Winner: John Richardson

The System Dynamics Society occasionally recognizes outstanding contributions to the field through a Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to an individual based on work done over the course of a career and not on a single work. This award has only been given twice before, to Geoff Coyle in 1998, and to Diana Fisher in 2011. It is an honor for me today, on behalf of the Forrester Award Committee, to present the third lifetime achievement award in our history to John Richardson, for his decades of work on sustainable development and public policy.

John is going to speak about his career, followed by some time for questions from the audience. But first, I'd like to say a few more words of introduction, and then I'll turn the podium over to John's long-time friend and colleague, Dennis Meadows, so that he can offer some personal reflections on John's career.

John describes the principal goal of his work, spanning 40 years, as making the results of rigorous public policy analysis widely accessible to policymakers and wider publics. Toward that end, he has written many publications, including six books, and has consulted with governments and organizations on four continents. He has also served on the faculty at three different universities, as both a teacher and an administrator, and has won numerous previous awards for his scholarship and his university service, especially for his 30 years at American University in Washington DC, where he was named Professor Emeritus in 2012. John is currently Visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

And now, I'd like to invite Dennis to the podium.