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American Physical Society announces "Outstanding Referees" for 2013

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Ridge, NY, 4 February 2013 — In 2008, the American Physical Society initiated a highly selective award program to recognize scientists who have been exceptionally helpful in assessing manuscripts for publication in the APS journals. The program annually recognizes approximately 150 of the 48,000 currently active referees, although larger groups were recognized in the first two years of the program. Like Fellowship in the APS and other organizations, this is a lifetime award. In initiating the program, APS expresses appreciation to all referees, whose efforts in peer review not only keep the standards of the journals at a high level, but in many cases also help authors to improve the quality and readability of their articles—even those that are not published by APS.

The selection of Outstanding Referees was made based on 25 years of records on over 80,000 referees (some no longer in active service) who have been called upon to review manuscripts, of which over 37,500 were submitted in 2012. The basis for selection was the quality, number and timeliness of their reports, without regard for membership in the APS, country of origin, or field of research. Individuals with current or very recent direct connections to the journals, such as editors and editorial board members, were excluded. The decisions were difficult and there are many excellent referees who remain to be recognized. This year 142 Outstanding Referees were selected.

The 2013 honorees come from 27 different countries, with large contingents from the U.S., Germany, U.K., Canada, and France. The names of all honorees so far are listed at <http://publish.aps.org/OutstandingReferees>. All have been notified, and have been sent a lapel pin and a certificate. The Outstanding Referees are to be congratulated and thanked for their outstanding service to the physics community.

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