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## **Harry Foster Selected to Receive Accellera Technical Excellence Award for Contributions to Open Verification Library Standard**

**NAPA**, Calif., July 13, 2006, — Accellera, the electronics industry organization focused on electronic design automation standards, has named **Harry Foster** as the 2006 recipient of the organization's 3rd annual Technical Excellence Award for his contributions to Accellera's Open Verification Library (OVL) standard. The award will be presented at Accellera's Open meeting during the Design Automation Conference (DAC), Wednesday July 26, 2006 at 10:00am, Marriott Hotel, Golden Gate Room B2. To attend this meeting, please register at <http://www.accellera.org/events/register/>

The OVL library standard includes assertion checkers used by design, integration, and verification engineers to check design behavior with simulation, emulation and formal verification tools. Harry Foster created Accellera's OVL standard and was actively involved in the early definitions of SystemVerilog assertions.

"Harry Foster's definition and championship of OVL were instrumental in its acceptance as an EDA standard," said Shrenik Mehta, Accellera chairman. "His technical expertise and leadership to accomplish its standardization have added tremendous value to the way designers verify their designs."

### **About OVL and Harry Foster**

OVL has introduced many to the world of formal verification and is one of the first steps taken to expand verification to using a formal language. Its simplicity yet powerful constructs were instrumental in its ability to have widespread adoption by the user and support in EDA communities.

Harry Foster is the inventor of OVL and was a driving force behind the movement for it to become a standard. OVL has brought about fundamental change in the verification industry. The move toward Assertion-Based Verification (ABV) has been popularized and catalyzed by its acceptance.

Harry Foster is currently principle engineer for the Mentor Graphics Design, Verification, and Test division. He currently serves as chair of the IEEE 1850 Property Specification Language (PSL) working group. He is co-author of multiple books and award winning papers on functional verification and holds multiple verification patents.

### **About Accellera's Technical Excellence Award and Technical Committees**

Accellera's Technical Excellence Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of its technical committee members. Accellera selects a single contributor to the Accellera standards development process. All Accellera Technical Subcommittee members are eligible for the award.

Accellera's Technical Subcommittees include Formal Verification, Interface, Open Compression Interface (OCI), OVL, PSL, System Verilog, Verilog AMS and VHDL.

Accellera's Technical Subcommittees produce effective and efficient standards for today's advanced semiconductor designs. Participation comes from Accellera member companies, industry contributors and independents. Technical contributors typically have many years of practical experience developing and using design automation tools.

### **About OVL at the Design Automation Conference**

The OVL Technical Committee Meeting will have an open meeting on Wednesday July 26, 2006 from 1:30pm - 3:30pm, at the Marriott Hotel, Golden Gate Room B2.

### **About Accellera**

Accellera provides design and verification standards for quick availability and use in the electronics industry. The organization and its members cooperatively deliver much-needed EDA standards that lower the cost of designing commercial IC and EDA products. As a result of Accellera's partnership with the IEEE, Accellera standards are provided to the IEEE standards body for formalization and ongoing change control. Over the years, Accellera has developed seven standards that have been ratified by the IEEE. Accellera's recent successes in advanced design and verification language standards include SystemVerilog and PSL. For more information about Accellera, please visit [www.accellera.org](http://www.accellera.org).

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*Notes to editors: A photo of Harry Foster is available on request.*

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