Editorial

Special Anniversary Issue: Harry C. Bigglestone Award for Excellence in Communication of Fire Protection Concepts: Retrospective

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The Bigglestone Award is presented annually to the author(s) of the most outstanding article appearing in *Fire Technology* during the previous calendar year. Entries include all articles published in a single volume and are judged by the Editorial Board. The award honors excellence in the communication of fire protection concepts and is accompanied by a cash prize of \$5000. The award is named for the late Harry C. Bigglestone who was a Trustee of the Fire Protection Research Foundation and a fellow and president of the Society of Fire Protection Engineering.

This year, *Fire Technology* celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Bigglestone award. The 25 award winning papers represent a significant contribution to the advancement of the state of the art of fire safety research and engineering. However, this special anniversary issue is dedicated to all those who have contributed to *Fire Technology* since its initial publication in 1965.

Eight original award winning authors have responded to our invitation to submit a retrospective on the topic addressed in their original paper. Like *Fire Technology* itself, the papers cover a broad range of fire protection engineering and research subjects, reflecting on advances in the science and practice since the time the paper was written.

We hope this special anniversary issue will encourage all our readers to reflect on the advancements in the field over the past 25 years. It is also our intent that this recognition inspires the communication of future advancements through *Fire Technology*.

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