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PDES, Inc. Announces 2017 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award Winner
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PDES, Inc. announces Albert Levy of Sopra Cimpa, an Airbus subcontractor, and Joseph Draper of Boeing as the 2017 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award recipients. The Award was formally presented at the Fall 2017 Technical Team Offsite in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Mr. Draper and Mr. Levy are both active leaders in the Engineering Analysis and Simulation (EAS) Workgroup supporting the International Long Term Archival and Retrieval (LOTAR International) Project. Their many accomplishments speak to the leadership, technical expertise, and enthusiasm they bring to the LOTAR EAS Workgroup.



Albert Levy of Sopra Cimpa with the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award



Joe Draper of Boeing receives the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award from PDES, Inc. Board Chairman, Dr. Mike Jahadi of Lockheed Martin

Both recipients assumed leadership roles from outside of the LOTAR organization and quickly became effective despite steep learning curves. They've since demonstrated strong commitment and leadership in defining and meeting incremental multi-year goals that span many different technical domains within the broad scope of Engineering Analysis & Simulation. Their efforts laid the foundation for wide-spread STEP-based data exchange in the CAE domain, which helped to overcome resistance of CAE vendors reliant on proprietary formats for storing CAE data. They also demonstrated vital communication skills by keeping interested organizations and individuals informed of the plans, goals, and schedules of the LOTAR EAS Project. Their enthusiasm for accomplishing the project goals inspire their team mates to perform the best of their abilities.



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The LOTAR (EAS) Workgroup was established in December 2014 under the leadership of Mr. Levy (for Europe) and Rod Dreisbach (Boeing; for the Americas). For more information on LOTAR EAS, please see <http://www.lotar-international.org/home.html>.

The PDES, Inc. Executive Board established the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award in honor of Brad Rigdon, who served as the first President of the PDES, Inc. Board. The Board presents this award annually to a PDES, Inc. member who has demonstrated superior technical management skills on a PDES, Inc. project

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