AIP honors Neal Lane with the Karl T. Compton Medal

AIP gives more than a dozen prizes, awards, and fellowships. Most of these are for outstanding scientific, teaching, research, or writing accomplishment. Two of the awards, however, are for what could best be described as scientific statesmanship. These are the Karl T. Compton Medal for Leadership in Physics and the John T. Tate Medal for International Leadership in Physics. On May 3, at the APS meeting in Denver, CO, it was my pleasure to bestow one of AIP's highest honors, the Compton award, on Neal F. Lane. This award is given every four years to a highly distinguished individual in the physics community—one who has dedicated his/her life to the advancement and advocacy of science in our nation.

AIP established the Compton Medal in 1957, in honor of Karl Taylor Compton, an exemplary citizen scientist and one of AIP's "founding fathers." Compton was a key member of Vannevar Bush's science cabinet that formed the National Research Defense Committee during WWII, and chaired the subcommittee that organized the Rad Lab at MIT, which housed the development of radar.

An impressive list of distinguished scientists have since received the award that bears Compton's name, among them Nobel laureate Leon Lederman and past AIP Governing Board chair Millie Dresselhaus. This year's award committee chose to honor Neal Lane, whose name has become closely associated with the term he coined, "civic scientist." Lane is well known for his service to the scientific community as a former director of the National Science Foundation and as a science adviser to President Clinton. In 2003, Lane published an article in Physics Today entitled, "Benjamin Franklin, Civic Scientist," where he urged present-day scientists to take on contemporary public concerns where their talents and experience can be valuable to society.

Prior to the award ceremony at last week's APS meeting, Lane joined Jack Gibbons, another former presidential science adviser, and Lewis Branscomb, director emeritus of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program at Harvard University, in a roundtable discussion and press conference on the past, present, and future of science policy. Lane told the reporters and physicists at this press conference the following:

"When I talk about a civic scientist, I'm talking about a scientist or engineer or technical professional who, in addition to making important discoveries [and advances], spends time out with the public and with the elected representatives who, in the state houses and in Washington, actually make policy. The more I served in Washington, the more I
got to understand that this need is real. The need for more scientists from all fields to get involved in the policy process and with the public through education and many other ways is, in my view, critical—and I think it's even more important today than it has been in recent years."

Sincerely,

Fred

Publishing Matters

**Extending collective vision**

In mid-March AIP representatives attended ACRL 2009—the 14th National Conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries, in Seattle, WA. Public, private, and undergraduate- and graduate-level librarians—with varying specialties—participated in a comprehensive series of sessions and workshops. With the theme "Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend!"ACRL 2009 offered attendees an opportunity to explore new ideas, engage in new learning, and extend their collective vision of the future of academic and research libraries. Discussion topics ranged from acquisitions research and analysis to politics, copyrights, and budget management. Over 320 exhibitors were on hand to host more than 2,700 attendees. Representing AIP in the exhibit hall were client services and reports coordinator Victoria Gentile and marketing manager Yvonne Reyes. They addressed questions about the AIP Digital Archive, AIP Articles On Demand, archival journal backfiles, Computing in Science and Engineering, Scitation’s Library Service Center, and more. ACRL attendees showed great interest in what AIP has to offer. Follow the activities of the ACRL—the largest division of the American Library Association—by visiting its website.

**Physics Resource Center Matters**

*Physics Today* editor emerita Gloria Lubkin retires

April 30 marked the end of an era at Physics Today as Gloria Lubkin bid her farewells after more than 45 years of dedicated service. Gloria has seen many changes over the course of her career, in the magazine, in the institute, and in the physics community. Two popular sections that she introduced to *Physics Today* readers are Search and Discovery and Reference Frame. Gloria plans to work on her memoirs about the magazine and the many fascinating physics stories in which she and her fellow physicists have participated. We wish her well and eagerly await her book.

**Around AIP**

**Club Quarters’s new rates**

Remember that AIP is a member of Club Quarters—a private, full-service hotel chain geared toward the business traveler. Staff members and their guests may also use any of the 13 Club Quarters locations for personal
stays or special events. Club Quarters's typically low rates have been further reduced in several locations. Visit www.clubquarters.com for more information. To obtain AIP's Club Quarters password, email the editors of AIP Matters. Happy travels!

**Who we are—Publishing Services**

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Left to right: Carol Fleming, Rich Kobel, Bill Filaski, Tom Thresh, Norah Mazzeo, Maya Flikop, Paul DeCillis, Jim Donohue, and Chris McMahon. Stuart Wutzman is not pictured.

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