



Joe Jarzombek, deputy director of Software Intensive Systems OSD (AT&L), began the award presentation ceremony for winners of the 2001 Top 5 U.S. Government Quality Software Projects (see page 30 for full coverage).



Members of the co-sponsors panel pose prior to taking questions from attendees.



The conference provided a forum for audience participation through questions.



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Onlookers cheered and lamented as judges recorded flight distances at the second annual CrossTalk Paper Airplane Contest held during STC 2002.

14th Annual Software Technology Conference Hosts Thousands

One of the largest co-sponsored events for U.S. defense-related software technologies, policies, and practices drew more than 2,100 attendees from around the world recently to Salt Lake City. The Software Technology Conference (STC 2002) tackled the theme, "Forging the Future of Defense Through Technology" from April 29-May 2 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

"The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) must make a fundamental shift to network-centric warfare away from platform-centric warfare ... to accommodate a global information grid in a nontraditional and asymmetrical threat environment," said Dr. Margaret E. Myers, principal director, deputy assistant secretary of defense, in her opening keynote speech. "We can't keep the bad guys out. So we have to find another way to protect ourselves," said Myers. Like the human body with its internal barriers to germs and viruses, the U.S. defense department must have a network that provides information dominance in a secure environment, she said.

Stephen L. Squires, vice president and chief science officer at Hewlett-Packard (HP) Co., said in his talk that "the single most

important thing we have in the DoD, in addition to the leaders, are the kids in the trenches who know the technology. Information technology became a munitions after Sept. 11." Squires told how private industry, including HP, AT&T, and more, "took all their toys" to build a command center in Florida after the attack. "Kids in blue jeans worked with the military," he said.

Myers and Squires were just two of the many industry, government, and defense leaders who spoke at the conference. The 14th annual STC featured 164 different exhibitors and 160 speaker presentations, ranging from software systems/architecture, maturity models, common and open systems to information assurance, best practices and more. In all, speakers pointed toward a future that will demand increased quality, best value, and on-time delivery for the government's future software projects in an environment that demands information assurance to best support customers - the war fighters.

In addition to the educational and training opportunities at the STC 2002, the conference gave attendees a chance to network at all levels at a variety of planned events

throughout the week.

On Tuesday afternoon, the second annual CrossTalk Paper Airplane Contest entertained participants and viewers alike. More than 100 entrants flew individually designed airplanes in a fly-off from the Salt Palace foyer. The paper airplane contest is co-sponsored by CrossTalk, *The Journal of Defense Software Engineering* and Shim Enterprise, Inc.

The STC is co-sponsored by the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), and Utah State University Extension. Representing the services in a panel held Tuesday morning were (pictured in middle photo at left) LTG Peter M. Cuvillo, U.S. Army; Debra M. Filippi, U.S. Marine Corps; RADM Tom S. Fellin, U.S. Navy; Diann L. McCoy, DISA; John M. Gilligan, U.S. Air Force; and moderator Dawn C. Meyerriecks, also of DISA.

The co-sponsors have already started planning STC 2003, scheduled for April 28-May 1, 2003. ♦

Photos by Randy Schreifels of the Software Technology Support Center and Janna Kay Jensen of CrossTalk.



Maj. Gen. Scott Bergren, commander Ogden Air Logistics Center, visits the Ogden Air Logistic Center's Technology and Industrial directorate Software booth.



Dr. Margaret E. Myers, principal director, deputy assistant secretary of defense, gave the keynote opening presentation on Monday morning.



Individual service sessions like this one for the U.S. Navy allowed attendees to hear from leaders of all four major branches of the military.



There was plenty of room for listening and hands-on learning at one of 160 daily presentations.