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36 ISMOR Awards

36 ISMOR is dedicated to the memory of David Faddy & Eugene Visco



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3 Nov 1933 – 29 Sep 2018



Eugene Visco

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The Eugene Visco Award for Best ISMOR Early Career Analyst



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In 1944, Gene joined the Navy aged 17 but WWII was over by the time he finished training on bombers in the South Pacific. After studying mathematics & physics, he joined the civil service in 1951, analyzing the effects of chemical and biological weapons. In January, 1997, he retired from Government Service as a Supervisory Operations Analyst in the Office of the Undersecretary of the Army for Operations Research. Along the way, he held a number of positions both in and out of government, including at Johns Hopkins University's Operations Research Group, the US Metric Board, the National Institute for Community Development, and a number of private companies. He came out of retirement to join Lockheed Martin as a Senior Operations Research Analyst, serving as both a researcher and mentor to junior analysts across the company. Gene was a highly esteemed Fellow of the Military Operations Research Society (MORS), being its longest serving member at the time of his death.

Gene was a huge supporter of ISMOR and provided a key link to the US – actively encouraging & coordinating US participation for many years, and being a strong advocate of linking MORS with ISMOR. He was also an active participant – regularly presenting papers and always contributing to the debate at the 29 symposia that he attended – an attendance record that is unlikely to be surpassed.

Gene was a gentleman and a diplomat, loved and respected by all. A tremendous character, he was both guiding light and calming influence through turbulent times. Gene extended warmth and unwavering support to the UK analytical community, and his contribution to the special relationship between the UK and US was unsurpassed.

The Best ISMOR Early Career Analyst Award is awarded to the early career analyst that most impresses the Programme Committee whilst delivering a presentation, poster or workshop.



The Eugene Visco Award for Best ISMOR Early Career Analyst

Awarded to

Thomas Russell

for

PFT7 Main Execution Wargame: Soft OA supporting hard decisions

The David Faddy Award for Best ISMOR Presentation



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Son of a prominent member of the design team that developed the Spitfire aircraft, David started his career as an apprentice at the Royal Aerospace Establishment in Farnborough in the 1950s, working on advanced projects such as TSR2. Over subsequent decades, both as a civil servant and in retirement, his distinguished career centred on operational research and costing. This included appointments as Director, Project Time & Cost Analysis and as a Director of the Defence Operational Analysis Establishment.

He was a wonderful man to work with. He was generous with advice and praise, kind, caring and congenial. Cultured and well read, he understood the difficulty of presenting arguments that cut across partisan interests and the need to present scientific analysis to policy makers grounded more in the humanities. He also fought against the continuous decline in the influence of scientists in MOD.

Following the death of the founder of ISMOR, Ronnie Shephard, David took over as Chair from 12ISMOR (1995) until 28ISMOR (2011) – serving as Chair for 17 years – a record that is very unlikely to be surpassed. Without this dedication, it seems likely that ISMOR would not have survived.

The Best ISMOR Presentation Award is judged by Programme Committee and awarded on the basis of:

- Technical quality & innovation
- Impact (actual or potential)
- Presentation delivery



The David Faddy Award for Best ISMOR Presentation

Awarded to

Darrell Jaya-Ratnam

for

Novel AI in Wargaming: What Would Napoleon do with Red's Shoes?