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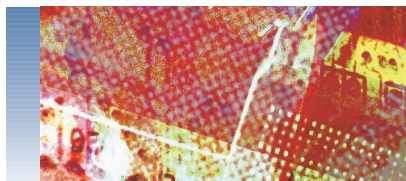
In this last issue of *Computer* in 2005, I would like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated reviewers whose efforts make possible each issue of *Computer*. We rely on and highly value the peer review process and the reviewers who are at its very core.

Our reviewers contribute by reviewing papers as assigned in their technical area of expertise. They often comment on organization and clarity, questions of accuracy, disputed definitions, and the effectiveness of visual aids, figures, or other ancillary materials.

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Our columns and departments are contributed or selected by content editors. To the column and department editors, please accept my gratitude for your valuable contributions. Finally, my thanks to our area editors and Advisory Panel, who give generously of their time to help with the review process. The names of the column editors, area editors, and Advisory Panel can be found on the masthead on page two.

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CRA Mentor Program Targets Female Undergraduates

The Computing Research Association Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research (CRA-W) seeks undergraduates and mentors to participate in its annual Distributed Mentor Project. The DMP aims to increase the number of women entering graduate studies in the fields of computer science and computer engineering by pairing promising undergraduate women with an experienced mentor for a summer research experience at the mentor's home institution.

The number of female faculty in most computer science and engineering departments is extremely low, averaging less than two women per department in PhD-granting institutions. Consequently, undergraduate women today have limited access to role models at their institutions. The number of student applications to the CRA-W DMP program has increased dramatically in recent years—up from an average of roughly 60 per year from 1994 to 2001 to nearly 250 for the summer of 2004. However, funding limitations have kept the number of actual participants to about 45, up from 25 in earlier years.

Participants create dedicated Web sites as part of their summer research activities. Web sites from past summers are available at www.cra.org/Activities/craw/dmp/awards/2005/2005.php.

The CRA is an association of North American academic departments of computer science and computer engineering; laboratories and centers in industry, government, and academia; and affiliated professional societies. The CRA also works to promote leadership development among groups that are underrepresented in the computing profession.

The IEEE Computer Society is one of the CRA's six sponsoring societies. The CRA-W DMP currently operates under a four-year, $1.6 million grant from the National Science Foundation. Additional support comes from Usenix in 2003-2005, and from the Henry Luce Foundation in 2004-2006.

Student participants receive a $600 weekly stipend for up to 10 weeks of study at the host institution plus a limited travel allowance. Mentors can receive cash honoraria of varying amounts for mentoring one, two, or more students.

To apply as an undergraduate or mentor, visit the CRA-W Distributed Mentor Project Web site at www.cra.org/Activities/craw/dmp/. Canadian students and faculty can apply to the Canadian Distributed Mentor Project, a similar program with different rules, at www.cra.org/Activities/craw/cdmp/.

The deadline for applications to the US summer 2006 program is **1 March 2006.** Canadian applications are due by **31 January 2006.**