



American Society for Cybernetics

The Special Award of the American Society for Cybernetics
is made to

Ranulph Glanville

Ranulph Glanville has served on the ASC executive board for many years, including two full terms as President. Ranulph once wrote that he finds it more important to provide a playing field for others than it is for himself to play. This is the spirit in which he leads the ASC, consistently relegating himself to the role of supporting while enabling others, despite having more to say about cybernetics than most of us.

During Ranulph Glanville's presidency, the ASC has more than doubled its membership, and the financial situation of the organization has improved considerably. Under his leadership the ASC has also seen a strong series of conferences that strike a difficult balance between welcoming funded academics and professionals as well as unfunded enthusiasts; and that accommodate conversational encounters, as well as generating rigorously peer-reviewed academic publications in recognized academic journals in our field.

At the same time, under Ranulph Glanville's leadership, the ASC has seen a variety of other projects and initiatives including a cybernetics competition, the restoration of the Society's legal standing and an overhaul of its constitution in close consultation with the membership.

The American Society for Cybernetics is awarding Ranulph Glanville this Special Award together with a Special Award for Aartje Hulstein, recognising also the inspiring relationship between the two. Ranulph Glanville is a philosopher and teacher of design and cybernetics who in the presence of Aartje Hulstein is a strong advocate of action and acting. Aartje Hulstein is an action-oriented practitioner who in the presence of Ranulph Glanville extends her practice into the domain of conversational philosophy.

The two awards are made in appreciation of the mutual support of Aartje Hulstein and Ranulph Glanville, as well as their support of the ASC. The awards are accompanied by two objects whose design reflects the mutually completing nature of the relationship between the two awardees.

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