

## News Release

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### COMMON announces best speakers from the Spring 2003 Conference

**July 15, 2003:** COMMON, the world's largest group of IT professionals who use IBM and IBM-compatible information technology, will honor Speaker Excellence Medal recipients at the COMMON Fall 2003 IT Education Conference & Expo, September 7-11, 2003 in Orlando, Florida.

The following speakers will be honored with Speaker Excellence Medals for sessions given during COMMON's Spring 2003 Conference in Indianapolis:

#### Gold Medal Award

Laura Knapp  
Robert Tipton

Randall Munson

Trevor Perry

#### Silver Medal Award

Al Barsa  
Jim Sloan

Litrik DeRoy  
Larry Youngren

Rares Pateanu

#### Bronze Medal Award

John Davenport  
Jim Fey  
Charles Massoglia  
Roxanne Reynolds-Lair  
Paul Tuohy

Richard Dolewski  
Mike Gordon  
Jim Oberholtzer  
Frank Soltis

Wayne Evans  
Kim Greene  
Jon Paris  
Baron Stewart

#### Best New Speaker

Kelley Goggins

#### Best New Session

Laura Knapp

Established in 1994, the COMMON Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame recognizes speakers whose presentations have received exceptional ratings in both content and

delivery. At the end of each session, attendees turn in evaluation forms rating each session on numerous aspects, including content, the speaker's ability to communicate, the speaker's knowledge of the topic, and the use of training aids.

Speakers whose sessions are rated in the top 1% are awarded a Gold Medal; the next 2% receive a Silver Medal; and the next 4% receive a Bronze Medal. Many of these speakers will present updated versions of their sessions at COMMON's Fall 2003 Conference in Orlando.

To learn more about COMMON or COMMON's Fall 2003 IT Education Conference and Expo, visit the COMMON web site at <http://www.common.org>

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