



Sacks-Davis Wins Award for Recognized Work in Text Databases

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(SAN DIEGO and MCLEAN, VA) - Dr. Ronald Sacks-Davis, a Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) scientist in Melbourne, Australia, has been given one of Australia's most prestigious awards for technological achievement.

Sacks-Davis received the Australian Academy of Technical Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) Clunies Ross Award on April 26, 2006. The Clunies Ross Award recognizes technology innovation and the application of that technology for the economic, social or environmental benefit of Australia. Sacks-Davis was among the first computer scientists to receive this award, which recognized his contributions during a career on the cutting edge of database theory and design.

Sacks-Davis manages a division within SAIC's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Group and SAIC markets his ground-breaking information management approach as TeraText.

A specialist in text database design, Sacks-Davis began work in the early 1980s on techniques that could store and retrieve text from staggeringly large databases. During this time he assembled a team of researchers that worked to extend his ideas into practical implementations that solve globally significant problems. After developing the world's first large-scale text database product, known as Structured Information Manager (SIM), Sacks-Davis' efforts quickly garnered industry attention worldwide, including notice from SAIC and the United States Intelligence Community.

"We were told by our customer that his work in the area of very large text collections was cutting-edge," said Steve Rizzi, SAIC vice president of operations in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Group. "After doing some research and benchmarking on our own we figured out that SIM was significantly faster than the state of the art at that time."

SAIC became a reseller of SIM technology in 1999, and eventually acquired Sacks-Davis's company, InQuirion, in October of 2005, rebranding SIM as TeraText.

TeraText has proven to be a powerful product for SAIC clients and is currently the enabling technology behind some of the Australian defense and intelligence community's largest text collections. The product also manages the data in other high-profile Australian government communities, such as national law enforcement, homeland security and the national libraries. In the United States, TeraText has played a key role on projects undertaken by the intelligence community, directly supporting the war on terror by providing processing of extremely large text collections.

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