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The Historian's Column

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We are all accustomed nowadays to the powerpoint presentation formats that are becoming ubiquitous in technical (and non-technical) presentations. This new technology has been embraced with such enthusiasm that in the race to be the first to anticipate the future, many agencies and conference organizers are doing away completely with the

looked around to see that half the audience was staring at their laptops, open in front of them, doing help invent. And let us occasionally test the status of our mental abilities by trying to make, from time to time, a good presentation without the use of powerpoint.

H. Vincent Poor Awarded the 2001 IEEE Graduate Teaching Award

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Prof. H. Vincent Poor, a longtime member and former president of the IEEE Information Society, was awarded the 2001 IEEE Graduate Teaching Award at the 2001 International Symposium on Information Theory, held June 24-29 in Washington D.C. Prof. Poor was cited "For exemplary teaching, inspired guidance of graduate students, and contribu-

tions to graduate education in statistical signal processing."

Prof. Poor is a professor of electrical engineering at Princeton University, a position he has held since 1990; prior to joining Princeton he was a faculty member at the University of Illinois, beginning in 1977.

During Poor's 25-year career at Princeton and Illinois he has supervised 15 PhD theses and 20 MS theses. His graduate students have gone on to take faculty positions at some of the finest universities in the world, including Rice, Princeton, USC, Illinois, Texas A&M, and Cornell. Other students have taken research positions at such leading firms as Qualcomm, Intel, and NEC. Moreover, he has authored a well-regarded graduate text ("An Introduction to Signal Detection and Es

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