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**Semiconductor Industry Recognizes
Professor Mark Kushner and Professor David Allstot**

***SIA University Researcher Awards Recognize Academics for Outstanding
Contributions to Semiconductor Research***

San Jose, CA – March 18, 2008 – The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today announced the recipients of its 2008 University Researcher Awards, Professor Mark Kushner of Iowa State University and Professor David Allstot from the University of Washington. The awards were presented at the annual SIA Washington conference on March 13.

“The ‘crown jewel’ in the U.S. innovation ecosystem is our network of world-leading research universities,” said Willem Roelandts, chairman of the SIA and Xilinx Corporation. “Our research universities attract the best and brightest students and teachers from throughout the world. University researchers do the fundamental research that has enabled U.S. chipmakers to lead the world in developing innovative products and solutions. Each year, the SIA recognizes university researchers who have made significant contributions to solving the obstacles that must be overcome to continue on our technology roadmap,” Roelandts continued.

Dr. Mark Kushner is the James Melsa Professor of Engineering at Iowa State University. He has done pioneering work in plasma and thermal materials processing and has presented more than 100 papers on related subjects. In the process, he has trained dozens of PhD recipients who will continue to make contributions in microelectronics for years to come. Dr. Kushner has been involved in Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC) research programs for 18 years. Congressman Tom Latham (R-Iowa), recognized that “Dr. Kushner’s efforts in research and training play a crucial role in expanding horizons in semiconductors and the field of engineering for the benefit of society.”

Dr. David Allstot holds the Boeing-Egtvedt Chair at the University of Washington where he also serves as chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department. An industry veteran, he previously held positions with Tektronix, MOSTEK, and Texas Instruments. He has led research programs in analog and RF circuit design and has trained more than 80 Masters and Doctoral graduates, many of whom have gone on to achieve distinguished positions in the semiconductor industry.

“SIA is deeply grateful to Professor Allstot and Professor Kushner for their invaluable contributions and leadership in advancing semiconductor technology,” Roelandts concluded.

About the SIA

The SIA is the leading voice for the semiconductor industry and has represented U.S. semiconductor companies since 1977. Collectively, the chip industry employs a domestic workforce of 216,000 people. More information about the SIA can be found at www.sia-online.org.