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## SEI and Tim Lindsey Receive National Awards

The 2010 [Most Valuable Pollution Prevention \(MVP2\)](#) awards presented by the [National Pollution Prevention Roundtable \(NPPR\)](#) celebrate the successes of innovators in the areas of pollution prevention and sustainability. These prestigious awards were presented recently at a ceremony in Washington, DC. The [Illinois Sustainable Technology Center](#), a unit of the [Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability](#) at the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#), received the MVP2 award for its Sustainable Electronics Initiative (SEI)!

[Dr. Tim Lindsey](#), the director of the SEI, received an award for being a P2 Champion. This award celebrates an individual whose work has an outstanding impact on implementing pollution prevention. Lindsey is the ISTC Associate Director and has headed the [Technical Assistance Program](#) since 1991. He supervises a staff of engineers and scientists that perform research and assist with implementation of innovative technologies that improve sustainability. Areas of focus for Dr. Lindsey's program include: pollution prevention, green business, energy efficiency, alternative energy, carbon foot-printing, water foot-printing, environmental cost analysis, life cycle analysis, and systems engineering.

## Symposium Sponsors

The SEI and ISTC are looking for sponsors for the *Second Annual [Electronics and Sustainability Symposium](#)* scheduled for March 23-24, 2011. Sponsorships can be made in amounts varying from \$500 to \$5,000. We are looking to expand next year's program and develop further networking and collaborative opportunities. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Aida Sefic Williams at 217-333-4562 or [awilliams@istc.illinois.edu](mailto:awilliams@istc.illinois.edu).

## SEI at the Sustainable Universities Symposium

Professor William Bullock, SEI Education and Research Coordinator, presented at this year's [Sustainable Universities Symposium](#) about SEI's e-waste education and research initiatives. The newly-created class "Introduction to E-Waste" was highlighted; the class challenges students and faculty researchers to learn more about the growing problem of electronic waste, were students worked in multi-disciplinary teams to create innovative new uses for e-waste - turning e-waste into e-opportunity. In addition, Professor Bullock also reviewed the winning designs from the [2010 International E-Waste Competition](#), which is sponsored by the [Sustainable Electronics Initiative](#) and University of Illinois [School of Art and Design](#). Furthermore, Professor Bullock highlighted the DEE Lab, hosted by the SEI and ISTC, which offers teams of students from engineering, design, business and other disciplines the opportunity to work under the guidance of research faculty on sustainable product development problems for industry.

## Vote for the INRS Expo

The [Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability \(INRS\)](#) is planning another exciting [Naturally Illinois Expo](#). This event is a great opportunity to learn about science and the natural resources of Illinois through the work of the INRS State Scientific Surveys. Last year, the Expo included [fifty exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities](#) of interest to the public, teachers, and students of all levels. The event allows Champaign-Urbana community members as well as residents from around the state to interact with scientists who work on cutting-edge research and solutions to water, energy, ecosystem, mineral resource, natural hazard, climate, cultural resource, and technology issues.

To continue the event, the INRS has applied for a Pepsi Refresh grant. In order to win award money, we need you to help vote for the project by following these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.refresheverything.com/inrsscienceexpo> to view the project idea
2. Create a free account and cast your vote

Vote often! Since only the top 10 projects are awarded prize money, your votes are needed as much as possible. You can vote every day for at most 10 projects. Please relay this information to friends and family interested in promoting science education. **Thank you for the help and support!**

## Recent SEI Blog Posts

- [SEI Receives National Award](#), Sept. 24, 2010.
- [Every action has an equal and opposite reaction](#), Sept. 14, 2010.
- [Future of electronics after 2012](#), Aug. 31, 2010.

## Become a Member of the SEI!

The Sustainable Electronics Initiative (SEI) offers [Corporate](#) and [Individual Memberships](#)! [Join the SEI](#) and work together with us to research and find solutions to the e-waste problem.

## Call for Papers

The Second Annual Electronics and Sustainability Symposium is scheduled on **March 23-24, 2011**. Industry and academic practitioners are encouraged to submit abstracts of their recent research, projects, and design thinking for presentation, publication, or both. The [Call for Papers](#) for a paper, presentation, panel discussion, or poster is available online and should be returned to Aida Sefic Williams at [sei@istc.illinois.edu](mailto:sei@istc.illinois.edu).

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