

## The inductees into the IP Hall of Fame for 2011 are announced

On 25th February the identities of the five individuals to be inducted into the IP Hall of Fame for 2011 were revealed. They are:

- **Robert Armitage:** Senior vice president and general counsel for Eli Lilly since 2003. A tireless campaigner for US patent reform, he has testified before Congress on IP policy issues and is a past president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.
- **Lynne Beresford:** Recently retired as the USPTO's Commissioner for Trademarks, she significantly reduced pendency and improved quality during her time at the agency. In 2008 she led the US team that negotiated the Singapore Trademark Law Treaty.
- **Donald Chisum:** Author of *Chisum on Patents*, a text first published in 1978 and regularly updated to incorporate changes to US patent law and

practice. He was professor of law at the University of Washington and at Santa Clara University, and directed the Santa Clara Summer Institute on International and Comparative Intellectual Property in Munich, Germany.

- **Tian Lipu:** Commissioner of China's State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) since 2005, he has dramatically increased its size, efficiency and quality. Under his leadership, SIPO has become one of the world's leading patent issuing authorities.
- **Randall Rader:** Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. With more than 20 years on the bench at the court, he has handed down a number of important judgments. Rader has co-authored several IP-related publications and regularly teaches classes on IP at

universities and law schools across the globe.

The nomination process to find 2011's inductees began in October 2010 when the global IP community was invited to nominate for induction into the IP Hall of Fame men and women from business, politics, the law, finance, academia and indeed anywhere else who have played a significant role in the creation of today's IP system and market place. The nominations flooded in and in December a final list of over 200 nominees was sent to the IP Hall of Fame Academy for review. Comprising former inductees and other selected IP thought-leaders, it is the IP Hall of Fame Academy which makes the final induction decision. Each of its members was given the opportunity to vote for up to five candidates from the list of nominees. The five candidates receiving the most votes were chosen as the 2011's inductees. Established in 2006, the IP

Hall of Fame recognises individuals that have made a significant contribution to the development of intellectual property as a key business asset. Inductees include great inventors such as Thomas Edison, the author Victor Hugo and political leaders such as Thomas Jefferson. Alongside these historical figures are individuals from the present, such as: Sir Robin Jacob, until recently the UK's most senior patent judge; twice commissioner of the Japan Patent Office, Hisamitsu Arai; and the former head of IP at both IBM and Microsoft, Marshall Phelps.

A full list of IP Hall of Fame inductees and members of the IP Hall of Fame Academy can be found at [www.iphalloffame.com](http://www.iphalloffame.com).

Issue 49 of *IAM* will feature extended interviews with 2011's inductees. A gala dinner will be held in their honour during the IP Business Congress in San Francisco on the evening of 20th June. ■