Synopsys Recognizes Engineers' Technical Excellence With Best Paper Awards at SNUG Boston Conference

More Than 400 Engineers Gather at Eighth Annual Regional User's Conference

Synopsys, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNPS), a world leader in semiconductor design software, today announced the Best Paper Awards for the eighth annual Synopsys Users' Group (SNUG®) in Boston, Mass. SNUG Boston is part of a global program that last year drew more than 4,000 integrated circuit (IC) and system design engineers to 10 such technical conferences worldwide. At the Boston event, the first- place award for Best Paper went to Branimir Ivetic, Claudio Vignati, Lyes Djama and Stefano Camera of ST Microelectronics for "HSIM's Integration within ST Design Flow for Smart Power and High Voltage Technologies." Ivetic also won the award for "Best First-Time Presenter" at a SNUG event.

Second place went to Vincent D'Alessandro and Zahi Abuhamdeh of TranSwitch for "A Case Study of Hierarchical Scan Compression Implementation Using Synopsys' DFT MAX." Third place went to John Biggs of ARM for "Aggressive Leakage Management in ARM-based Systems." The winning papers were selected by the attendees.

The Technical Committee Award went to Stuart Sutherland of Sutherland HDL, Inc. and Don Mills of LCDM Engineering for "Standard Gotchas-Subtleties in the Verilog and SystemVerilog Standards that Every Engineer Should Know."

Two Technical Committee Award Honorable Mentions went to Jim Antonellis of Broadcom Corp. for "HSPICE in DDR2 Analysis" and Gregory Beers, James Kirk and Scott Coates of Agere Systems for "Predicting Chip-package Resonance of the Power Distribution Network using PrimeRail."

This year's two-day SNUG Boston hosted a record number of more than 400 attendees and featured a technical program with 30 user papers, 22 Synopsys technical tutorials and four panels, all presented by Synopsys users and Synopsys technical experts. These presentations focused on a wide array of innovative solutions for engineers designing complex systems.

"SNUG is reaching out to users as they tackle the deep technical challenges of developing the most sophisticated chips and systems in the world," said Erich Whitney, principal engineer at Mercury Computer Systems and SNUG Boston technical chair. "Attendees value SNUG's unique combination of technical depth and interaction with their peers."

"SNUG is a great opportunity for Synopsys users to meet with fellow engineers and address their design concerns with Synopsys executives and engineers," said Synopsys Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Aart de Geus, who keynoted SNUG Boston. "By working closely with our customers, we can continue to provide solutions that enable them to design advanced systems for a wide range of applications. The concentration of technical expertise and insight at SNUG conferences worldwide is always impressive. We congratulate the award winners and thank them for sharing their technical insights."

About SNUG

SNUG is an open forum that provides Synopsys users worldwide with a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, discuss problems and explore solutions. In addition to a highly technical program that focuses on real-world design challenges, each SNUG event includes interaction with Synopsys executives, product developers and applications consultants about future product directions, as well as product and support quality. Each SNUG is driven by a local Technical Committee, with operational support provided by Synopsys. For more information on SNUG, go to http://www.snug-universal.org/ .

About Synopsys

Synopsys, Inc. is a world leader in EDA software for semiconductor design. The company delivers technology-leading semiconductor design and verification platforms and IC manufacturing software products to the global electronics market, enabling the development and production of complex systems-on-chips (SoCs). Synopsys also provides intellectual property and design services to simplify the design process and accelerate time-to-market for its customers. Synopsys is headquartered in Mountain View, California and has offices in more than 60 locations throughout North America, Europe, Japan and Asia. Visit Synopsys online at https://www.synopsys.com/ .

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