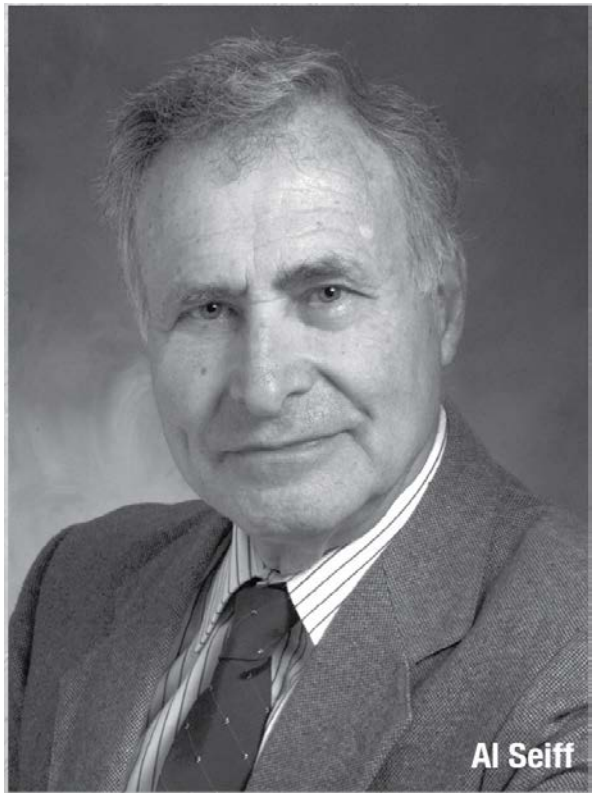
Al Seiff Memorial Award Presentation



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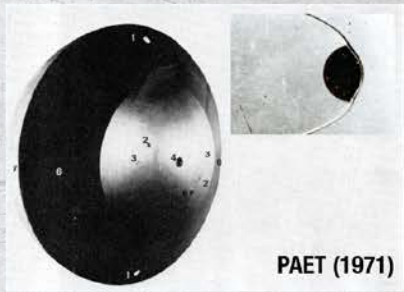
The Alvin Seiff Award

Presented to

Gentry Lee

Viking (1976)


PAET (1971)

Al Seiff

The International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the International Planetary Probe Workshop (IPPW) bestows the 2014 Alvin Seiff award upon Gentry Lee in recognition of his outstanding contributions to solar system exploration, including service as the Chief Engineer for Galileo, Director of Science Analysis and Mission Planning for Viking, engineering oversight of multiple missions including MER, Stardust and MSL, and significant mentoring and public outreach that has grown the planetary science and space technology community.

The Award is bestowed annually by the IOC of the IPPW in recognition of outstanding contributions to the technology, science, and/or mission planning of atmospheric entry probe missions that advance the knowledge of planets or moons in the solar system, and the mentoring of young engineers and scientists in these fields. These traits are those for which Seiff was legendary in his pioneering of our field.

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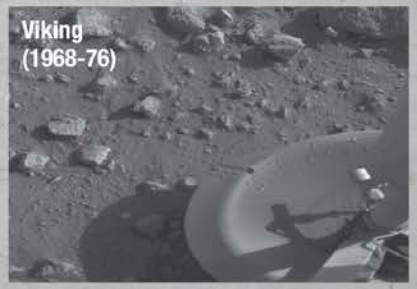
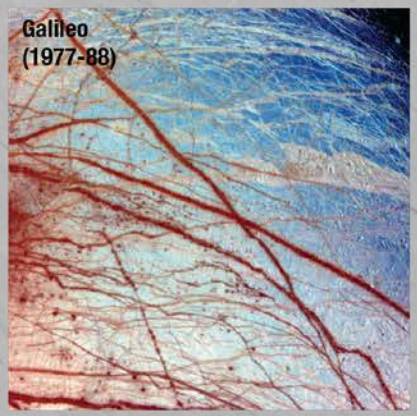
MSL/Curiosity (2012)

Phoenix from MRO (2008)


Viking (1968-76)


Galileo (1977-88)