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PDES, Inc. Announces 2018 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award Winner Jacksonville, FL – September 24, 2018

PDES, Inc. announces that Jean-Marc Crepel of AFNet is the winner of the 2018 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award. Mr. Crepel joined the testing forum in August 2016, immediately providing leadership and technical expertise before helping to establish the Computer-Aided Engineering Implementor Forum (CAE-IF) in early 2017 and initiating the first round of testing in September 2017. He met the award criteria through the following accomplishments:



Figure 1. Jean-Marc Crepel of AFNet receives the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award from PDES, Inc. President Dr. Mike Jahadi.

He demonstrated leadership and a strong commitment to both the CAE-IF and Engineering Analysis Simulation Workgroup by providing oversight for the definition and development of the first pilot study. Because of his expertise, he was able to manage the new forum largely by himself, by effectively assigning tasks to the best-qualified team members. His English-language skills enabled him to address both technical issues and provide clear guidance to his team, no small achievement with an international team.

Mr. Crepel's technical expertise enabled him to propose and refine computational statistics for results evaluation. Furthermore, he derived a set of Validation Properties for the analysis model of Application Protocol 209. Additionally, he leveraged the expertise of his team for the *Linear Static Structural FEA Handbook*, provided technical direction for the STEP File Analyzer, and created the first set of test suite documentation.

To establish forum objectives, he helped create a CAE-IF Roadmap and specified paths to ensure its successful implementation. Even at the beginning of the new CAE-IF, he was able to establish a structure that set the working rhythm of the forum. He has driven the team to complete their assignments and responsibilities in a timely manner. The CAE-IF initial successes are largely due to his oversight.

The PDES, Inc. Executive Board established the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award in honor of Brad Rigdon, who served as the first President of the PDES, Inc. Board. The Board presents this award annually to a PDES, Inc. member who has demonstrated superior technical management skills on a PDES, Inc. project

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