Thank you to all of you for your continued commitment to INSEIT and to our field of information and computer ethics. Next year, please plan to spend a few days in lovely Paris, where we will collaborate with ETHICOMP, under the wonderful leadership of Jean Gabriel, Bernd Carsten Stahl, and Charlie Ess.

I hope each of you has enjoyed the last few days in Lisbon, and I would like to offer our gracious thanks to Goncalo Costa, our organizer supreme. He has kept us fed well, both mind and body, and has dedicated the past year to planning each and every detail flawlessly. Without Goncalo's energy, commitment to excellence, and his university's amazing support, our conference would not have been the successful event it has been. With our heartfelt thanks, Goncola, on behalf of INSEIT and all of us, we offer you this token of appreciation.

And now, on behalf of the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology, I am pleased to present this year's Joseph Weizenbaum award to Dr. Luciano Floridi. This award was created to honor our esteemed colleagues whom have made lifelong contributions to our field of information and computer ethics. The award was established in 2009 and past recipients include: Terry Bynum, Keith Miller, and Don Gotterbarn.

This year, we honor our friend and colleague Luciano Floridi, whose resume of awards and accomplishments would take as long to rehash as we have time for his presentation today. A few highlights:

Since 2009, Luciano has served as UNESCO Chair in Information and Computer Ethics. Since 2007, he has been Professor of Philosophy, Research Chair in Philosophy of Information, Department of Philosophy, University of Hertfordshire. He is also Distinguished Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Practical Ethics, Fellow by special election, St Cross College, Oxford, Research Associate and Fellow in Information Policy, Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford, and a senior member of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford.

 Since 2010, Luciano has served at the Editor –in-Chief of Philosophy and

Technology (Springer) and is a member of the editorial boards of Ethics and Information Technology (Springer), , International Journal of Technology and Human Interaction (Springer), Minds and Machines (Springer). He was recently appointed Editor in Chief of the Springer book series: Synthese Library. This is Springer's oldest philosophy book series, it started in the 1950's and has published over 350 titles. The series managed to be so productive for such a long time because of its broad scope: Synthese is looking for a conceptual syntheses within the different scientific endeavors.

Since the start of this series syntheses has been sought in mathematics (roughly 50's-70s), physics (70's-90's), formal methods (90's-now), and now in technology/information.

In 2012 Luciano was named Chairman of the expert group, organised by the DG INFSO of European Commission, on the impact of information and communication technologies on the digital transformations occurring in the European society. He has also been a Member of the Ethics Strategic Panel of the British Computer Society.

In the past, Luciano was elected President of the International Association of Computing And Philosophy (IACAP, 2006-2010), member of the Executive Board of the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT, 2006-2010), Vice-President of IACAP (2003-2006), member of the American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Computers (PAC, 2000-2004), Vice-chairman of Interacta, the Italian Association for Interactive Communication (1996-1997). Founder and Director of the Italian Web Site for Philosophy (SWIF, 1995-2008).

As we offer this award to Luciano, we can all consider the impact he has made on our field, our societies, and all of us individually. He can truly be considered a "rock star" of information ethics, and his impeccable dress doesn't hurt.

When one of our peer's work entrances us, forces us outside of our comfort zones, challenges current thought and practice, and encourages us to engage on a new level of discourse and enquiry, our field is bettered, and for this, we are fortunate. We remain healthy and relevant scholars.

Our future generations of scholars are, and will, benefit from this time in information ethics, and in particular, the work of Luciano Floridi. As we, unfortunately, watch as universities around the world debate the utility of philosophy departments, Luciano's work transcends disciplines. His work has been translated into many languages, he has influenced and mentored students around the world, he has brought philosophy of information to a TED talk. And, for those of you who may not know, he was the forbidding professor, was chronicled in the novel "The Lost Painting" by Jonathon Harr. The movie rights have been sold, so we may be seeing Luciano on the big screen one of these days.

Influence, indeed.

Please join me in congratulating Luciano on this well deserved award.