



American Society for Cybernetics

The Wiener Gold Medal of the American Society for Cybernetics
is awarded to

Paul Weston

for outstanding and profound lifelong contributions to the nurturing of cybernetics.

Dr. Paul Weston played an integral role at the Biological Computer Laboratory (BCL) at the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign between its beginning in 1958 to the publication of the last BCL Accomplishment Summary in 1972. Dr. Weston's roles ranged from helping to secure funding of the BCL to the development of seminal work on cognition and semantic structures including Eigenbehavior. Dr. Weston's ability to translate key insights into working physical models proved critical to the intellectual successes of the BCL. Following the lab's closing, Dr. Weston continued as a teaching member of the Department of Electric Engineering and mentor to students involved in building working models.

ASC hereby salutes Paul Weston's work on cybernetics, second order cybernetics, and other fields — work we expect to remain influential in the future.

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President of the American Society for Cybernetics
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