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**Subject:** WITSA Eminent Person's Award request

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**TO:** WITSA Board of Directors  
**FR:** Dr. Jim Poisant, Secretary General  
**RE:** **WITSA Eminent Person's Award request**

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Dear Members of the WITSA Board,

As most of you are aware, WITSA established its highest award called *WITSA's Eminent Persons Award* in 2010. Since establishing the award, its recipients have been Dr Nelson Mandela, Dr Mike Lazaratis, Drs Vint Cerf & Robert Khan. The intent of the Award is to recognize individuals who have made or continue to make significant contributions to mankind. These contributions are not necessarily ICT related.

Tim Conway, representing the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) has recommend the award be granted to Dr John O'Sullivan. For those of you who may not be familiar with Dr Sullivan, he is one of Australia's most brilliant research scientists and world changing tech innovators. He is perhaps best known for transforming the way in which a billions of us connect, communicate and work every day. Dr Sullivan led the team who invented Wi-Fi- a technology that made the wireless LAN fast and robust allowing mobile phones, laptops and printers to connect to the internet through a high-speed wireless network. Please refer the additional information regarding Dr Sullivan below:

<http://www.epo.org/learning-events/european-inventor/finalists/2012/osullivan.html>  
(<http://www.csiro.au/en/Research/DPF/Areas/Wireless/Wireless-technologies/WiFi>) which explains the problem O'Sullivan and his team  
([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_O%27Sullivan\\_\(engineer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_O%27Sullivan_(engineer)) )

<https://amplifybusiness.com/users/dr-john-osullivan>

With Board approval, WITSA will grant this award to Dr Sullivan when the BOD meets in Canberra, Australia in March. If you have any objections to the granting of this award to Dr Sullivan, **please let me know NLT January 15, 2016**. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you approve this request. Assuming the request is approved, the award will read:



DR JOHN O SULLIVAN  
Eminent Persons Award 2016  
“Fulfilling the Promise of the Digital Age through WLAN Technology”

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best Regards,  
Jim

*Dr. James H. Poisant*  
Secretary General

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