



# ISTQB® Award 2012

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- ISTQB® promotes the “ISTQB® International Software Testing Excellence Award”, an annual prize that is given for outstanding contribution to the preservation, innovation or research in the field of software quality.



**ISTQB**®



**International Software  
Testing Qualifications Board**

# ISTQB® Award

- ❑ Anyone can submit a proposal for a potential winner of the "ISTQB® International Software Testing Excellence Award", filling in the Submission Form on the ISTQB® Award dedicated website
- ❑ As this initiative demonstrates, ISTQB® activity in supporting software testing is not limited to the certifications schemes, accepted as the de facto standard in software testing certification, but comprises educational events, conferences and knowledge sharing and development by the best available industry practices and the most innovative research.

# ISTQB® Award criteria

- The potential winner of the Award is selected for having contributed to:
  - Increasing public awareness for the importance of software quality and testing
  - Advancing the publication of research findings in the field of software quality and testing
  - Pushing further education on the subject of software quality and testing
  - Supporting the creation of standards and norms in the area of software quality and testing
  - Giving new impulses to the improvement of software development and testing processes

# ISTQB® Award process and panel

- ❑ The ISTQB® Award is managed by a rigorous nomination and election process, with transparent public rules
- ❑ The process is managed by a truly international curatorial panel, with representatives from a large number of ISTQB® Boards/ Exam Providers world-wide
  - Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, UK, USA
- ❑ ISTQB® will also periodically issue additional Special Awards



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# ISTQB® Award 2012 Winner Dorothy Graham





# Dorothy Graham Bio (1)

- ❑ Dorothy Graham has been in testing for 40 years, starting as a software developer at Bell Labs in the USA, where she was put into the Test Group and wrote test execution and comparison tools. After emigrating to the UK, she worked at Ferranti Computer Systems for 7 years, as a developer and team leader, putting an emphasis on testing (which was somewhat unusual at the time). She joined The National Computing Centre to develop training material in software engineering and software testing,
- ❑ Dorothy then became an independent consultant and decided to specialize in testing, since at the time, testing was not very highly regarded, but there was tremendous potential for great improvements through better testing. She formed Grove Consultants in 1988, which still provides training and consultancy in all aspects of testing, having taken on several partners over the years until becoming “semi-retired” in 2008.
- ❑ She has sought to promote better testing and better recognition for testers in her working life. She was a founding member of the British Computer Society’s Specialist Interest Group in Software Testing in 1989 and was the “speaker finder” for many years. She also worked on the unit testing standard that became BS7925. She helped to promote the first testing conference to be held in Europe and was program chair for EuroStar in 1993 (and enjoyed having this role again in 2009).

# Dorothy Graham Bio (2)

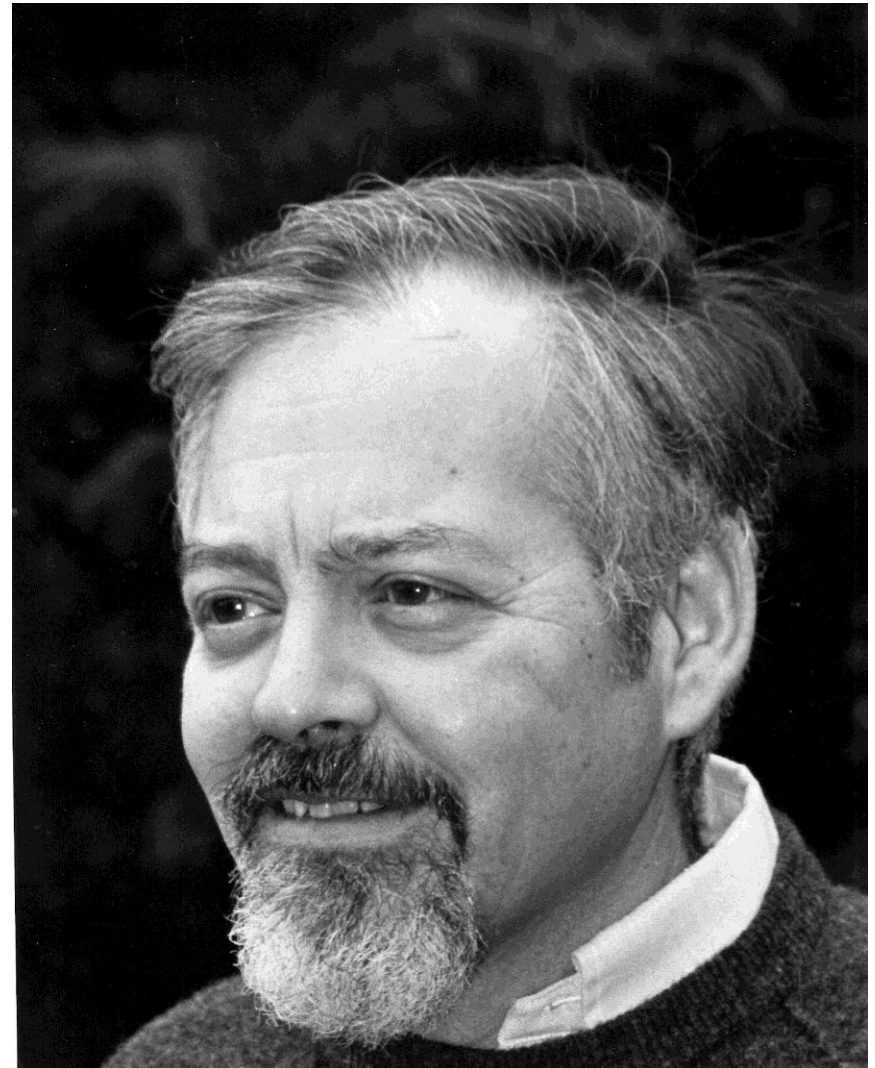
- ❑ Dorothy has helped to start qualifications for testers, at the time when testing was regarded at best as a “necessary evil” and the role of tester was not a very respected position in the industry. She was a founder member of the British Information Systems Examination Board which produced the first Foundation qualification in Software Testing, and also helped establish the Practitioner qualification. The first Foundation course was run by Grove Consultants in 1998.
- ❑ She facilitated the meeting in Soluntuna which formed the precursor to ISTQB, and she was a member of the ISTQB Working Party that produced the first Foundation Syllabus, chaired by Thomas Mueller. At EuroStar in 1999, she was given the European Excellence Award in Software Testing.
- ❑ Dot is co-author of four books: Software Inspection with Tom Gilb, 1993, Software Test Automation with Mark Fewster, 1999, Foundations of Software Testing with Rex Black, Isabel Evans (1st & 2nd eds) and Erik Van Veenendal, 2007, 2009 and 2011, and Experiences of Test Automation, with Mark Fewster, 2012.
- ❑ She continues to present at conferences around the world and to interact with and support testers and software testing.
- ❑ [www.DorothyGraham.co.uk](http://www.DorothyGraham.co.uk)

# ISTQB® Special Award

- In occasion of its “10 Years Celebration” ISTQB® has decided to issue an additional special Award for “Lifelong Contribution to Software Testing” to a prominent person that has made a fundamental contribution to the software testing principles and techniques



# ISTQB® Award for Lifelong Contribution - Boris Beizer





# BORIS BEIZER BIO

- ❑ Dr. Boris Beizer is an independent consultant with four decades of experience in the computer industry. He received a PhD in computer science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1966 with a dissertation on problems in computer testing.
- ❑ He has written many books, ranging from system architecture to his well-known pair on software testing—Software Testing Techniques and Software System Testing and Quality Assurance—both considered standard references on the subject.
- ❑ His latest book is Black Box Testing, an introduction to testing technology. His specialties include software testing and quality assurance, system architecture, and performance analysis and modeling.
- ❑ He directed testing for the FAA's Weather Message Switching Center and several other large communications systems.
- ❑ He has been a speaker at many testing conferences and is also known for his seminars on testing.
- ❑ He consults on software testing and quality assurance with many organizations throughout the world.



### ISTQB® International Software Testing Excellence Award



About ISTQB® Award	Award Panel	2012 Award Winner
<p>ISTQB® is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the advancement of the testing profession, and has become the world leader in software testing certification, having issued more than 200,000 certifications world wide and operating in more than 70 countries through national boards.</p> <p>ISTQB® has launched the ISTQB® International Software Testing Excellence Award, an annual prize that is given for outstanding contribution to the profession, innovation or research in the field of software quality.</p> <p>Everyone can make a proposal as potential winner of the Award, contributing to the increase and development of the Software Testing.</p> <p>Find out more information about <a href="#">ISTQB® Award</a>.</p>	<p>A Curatorial Panel is formed by ISTQB® to select a winner. The Panel consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ISTQB® President</li> <li>• The Chair of the ISTQB® Marketing Working Group</li> <li>• Representatives from ISTQB® Member Boards and ISTQB® Exam Providers</li> <li>• Prominent personalities/ institutions outside of the ISTQB®</li> </ul> <p>Find out who are the <a href="#">members of the panel</a></p>	<p>ISTQB® is proud to announce that the Winner of 2012 "ISTQB® International Software Testing Excellence Award" is Dorothy Graham for her notable contributions to the improvement of software quality and software testing.</p> <div data-bbox="1072 1013 1352 1078">  <p><b>DOROTHY GRAHAM</b> Dorothy Graham has been in testing for 40 years... <a href="#">Read More</a></p> </div> <p>Moreover, as a special celebration for the 10 Years Anniversary of ISTQB®, the Award Panel has decided to issue also a "Special Award for Lifelong Contribution to Software Testing" that has been awarded to Boris Beizer</p> <div data-bbox="1072 1185 1352 1249">  <p><b>BORIS BEIZER</b> As an independent consultant, consults to industrial, computer, and software... <a href="#">Read More</a></p> </div>