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## Professor Wim J. van der Linden, from the University of Twente in the Netherlands, to receive ATP's 2006 Career Achievement Award

November 2, 2005 – Wim J. van der Linden, Ph.D., professor of research, methodology, measurement and data analysis at the University of Twente in the Netherlands will be presented with the 2006 Career Achievement Award at the Association of Test Publishers' annual *Innovations in Testing* Conference. The conference will be held February 6-8, 2006 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

“Professor van der Linden's selection for this prestigious award was based on his professional and educational achievements, his dedication to the field of testing, and for his highly regarded contributions to the testing industry,” noted ATP Executive Director, Dr. William G. Harris.

Professor van der Linden will be presented with the career achievement award at the ATP General Meeting which be held February 6, at 3:45 p.m. (EST)

Wim J. van der Linden holds degrees in Psychology and Mathematical Sociology from the Universities of Utrecht, and in Psychometric Theory from the University of Amsterdam. His research interests include test theory, computerized adaptive testing, large-scale educational

assessments, optimal test assembly, and decision theory and its application to problems of educational decision-making.

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Professor van der Linden's publications have appeared in all major international testing and psychometrics journals and he is co-editor of two books: *Computerized Adaptive Testing: Handbook of Modern Item Response Theory* (New York: Springer-Verlag, 1997) (with R. K. Hambleton) and *Computerized Adaptive Testing: Theory and Applications* (Boston: Kluwer, 2001) (with C. A. W. Glas). He has two new books in press: *Linear Models for Optimal Test Design* [2005] and *Introduction to Test Theory and its Applications*; both with Springer-Verlag). He is also a series Co-Editor for *Statistics for Social Science and Public Policy*, Springer-Verlag (2003-present).

Professor van der Linden has served on numerous editorial boards and committees of national and international professional organizations.

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