

Prof. Richard Larson Selected for Professor of the Decade by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Prof. Richard Larson at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Prof. Richard Larson](#), MIT Professor, was recently selected for Professor of the Decade for 2026 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry. The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, honors only the most accomplished and influential professionals each year.

Being selected as an award recipient within the IAOTP is a prestigious achievement; only a select group of distinguished professionals earn this elite membership each year. Honorees are chosen for their professional excellence, academic accomplishments, leadership capabilities, longevity in their field, meaningful affiliations, and contributions to their communities. All recipients are invited to attend IAOTP's annual awards gala at the end of the year, a celebration dedicated to honoring the achievements of these top professionals.

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With five decades of experience in the industry, Prof. Larson has certainly proven himself as an expert in his field. As a dynamic, results driven leader, Prof. Larson's career has focused his operations research and systems expertise on a wide variety of problems, in both public and private sectors. He is author, co-author or editor of six books and author or co-author of over 175 scientific articles, primarily in the fields of urban service systems (esp. emergency response systems), disaster planning, pandemics, queueing, logistics, technology-enabled education, smart-energy houses and workforce planning. His first book, Urban Police Patrol Analysis (MIT Press, 1972) was awarded the Lanchester Prize of the Operations Research Society of America

(ORSA). He is co-author, with Amedeo Odoni, of the widely used Urban Operations Research, Prentice Hall, 1981 (over 1,000 citations). Prof. Larson's research on queues has not only resulted in new computational techniques (e.g., the Queue Inference Engine – an early example of data-driven research — and the Hypercube Queueing Model – 957 citations), but has also been covered extensively in national and international media.

Two recent papers, co-authored with his students, have won Best-Paper-of-the-Year awards: “Modeling the Effects of H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Distribution in the U.S.” (with Anna Teytelman), Value in Health, 2012; and “STEM crisis or STEM surplus? Yes and yes” (with Ms. Yi Xue), Monthly Labor Review, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Lawrence

M. Klein Award, US Department of Labor, 2015 (and covered in the New York Times).



Prof. Larson served as president of ORSA, (Operations Research Society of America, 1993-4), and is past-president of INFORMS (2005), Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. Prof. Larson served as co-director of the MIT Operations Research Center (over 15 years in that post).

Dr. Larson has served on many government boards. For example, with the Institute of Medicine, he served as an invited member of the Board on Health Sciences Policy (2008-2010) and on the Standing Committee on Emergency Management and Medical Response Integration (2009 – 2015).

He has been consultant to numerous companies and government agencies, having multiple major projects with the U.S. Postal Service and the City of New York.

He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and is an INFORMS Founding Fellow. He has been honored with the INFORMS President's Award and the Kimball Medal. In 2017, he was given the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Daniel Berg Medal for “making significant contributions to technology innovation, service systems and strategic decision making,” New Delhi, India.

From 1995 to 2003, Prof. Larson served as director of MIT's CAES, Center for Advanced Educational Services. His position at CAES focused on bringing technology-enabled learning to students living on the traditional campus and to those living and working far from the university, perhaps on different continents. He was founding director of LINC, Learning International

Networks Consortium, an MIT-based international project that has held eight international symposia.

Currently Prof. Larson is principal investigator of the MIT BLOSSOMS Initiative. He continues to be actively engaged in research, especially on how Operations Research can provide insights in the monitoring and control of Covid-19 and on analyzing proposed major structural changes in the US education system.

Prior to his career, Prof. Larson earned his BS and PhD in Electrical Engineering from MIT in 1969.

Throughout his illustrious career, Prof. Larson has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for his accomplishments. Last year he was honored as Top Professor of the Year and for the Lifetime Achievement Award by IAOTP. He was honored at their annual awards gala at the Bellagio Hotel and he also graced the front cover of TIP Magazine and was on the famous Nasdaq Billboard and Planet Hollywood Billboard. This year he will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York for both his induction into the Hall of Fame as well as his most recent selection of Professor of the Decade.

The President of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), Stephanie Ciriaco, stated: "It is my great honor and privilege to induct Prof. Larson into our Hall of Fame and to award him for his well-deserved selection of Professor of the Decade. He is inspirational, influential, and a true visionary and thought leader. We cannot wait to honor him and to celebrate his accomplishments at this year's gala."

Looking back, Prof. Larson attributes his success to his persistence and mentors he had along the way. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. In the future, he hopes to inspire and influence those getting into the field.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/richard-larson-15241563/>

About IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have provided thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide with the recognition and credibility they deserve, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network

that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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