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## OD "PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR" NAMED

The last couple of issues of the *Journal* has seen no *OD Newsletter*, not because there's not enough happening in OD, but because there has been too much happening for the newsletter editor and a few deadlines have been missed as a result.

We would like to publicly congratulate Tom Donovan of Ampex Corporation in California on his selection as OD "Practitioner of the Year." This award is an innovation of this year's OD Division Executive Committee.

The standard of professional effectiveness which Tom sets as the first recipient means that over the next few years, OD "Practitioners of the Year" will be a very impressive group of change agents.

## OD BIBLIOGRAPHY PROGRESS NOTED

The forthcoming *OD Bibliography* has been the subject of a considerable amount of correspondence from readers. We can now report on it in more detail. First, the details on how to get ahold of a copy will be widely publicized when they're worked out. No need to write to the ASTD National Office or the OD Division Executive Committee requesting that a copy be reserved or that you be put on the mailing list. It looks now as though it will be late Fall before the final draft goes to the printers. Ads in the *Journal* and mailings to Division members will give you plenty of notice, though.

A special effort is being made for this to be a *user's* bibliography, rather than simply an alphabetical compilation of everything in sight. The main objective is for the bibliography to function as a guide to the literature for the working professional, the person who wants to know answers to specific questions. The bibliography will try to categorize citations.

There will be a section on OD methods and techniques, for instance, and another one on case studies in OD. There'll be seven or eight chapters in all.

Another feature of the bibliography, born out of the frustration the compilers have felt over where OD leaves off and the rest of the universe begins, will be a section listing books which bridge OD to other fields, like operations research, transactional analysis or small group theory.

The Division Executive Committee is also looking into the possibility of computerizing the bibliography to make periodic updating easier and to enable users to get up-to-date printouts of materials without having to wait for the publication of a revised edition.

This is about it for this time. Be sure and send your news to Peter Vaill, School of Government and Business Administration, George Washington University, Washington DC 20006.