

## Letter from the Editor

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We are pleased to note that the American Statistical Association has recognized John Mandel with the 1996 W. J. Youden Award in Interlaboratory Testing in recognition of his paper "Structure and Outliers in Interlaboratory Studies," published in the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation*, Vol. 23, No. 5, 1995, pp. 364–369.

In her statement, Lynne Billard, president of ASA, says, "This paper is the most recent of a sustained body of work concerned with the relevance of statistical analysis to the scientific objectives of interlaboratory testing. Mandel challenges conventional statistical approaches, and adapts and invents others, with emphasis on descriptive and graphical techniques."

John Mandel has been a regular contributor to the *Journal*; we appreciate that and his many contributions to ASTM Committee E11. Congratulations, John Mandel.

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