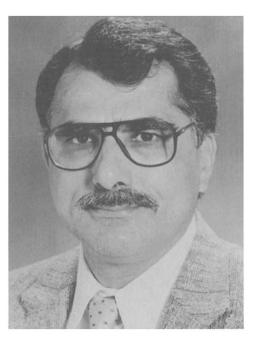


Dr. Changyi Zhu



Dr. Vikram K. Kinra

Zhu and Kinra Receive the 1993 Outstanding Article Award

Dr. Changyi Zhu, a software engineer for Advanced Research & Application Corp. of Sunnyvale, CA, and Dr. Vikram K. Kinra, a professor of aerospace engineering and associate director of the Center for Mechanics of Composites at Texas A&M University, have received ASTM's award for 1993 Outstanding Article in the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation*. The award was presented at a special ceremony in December 1994.

Zhu and Kinra were honored for their paper, "Time-Domain Ultrasonic Measurement of the Thickness of a Sub-Half-Wavelength Elastic Layer," published in the July 1992 issue of the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation* (Vol. 20, No. 4).

Dr. Zhu holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in computer science from the Nanjing Aeronautic University, and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Rhode Island. Kinra received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology at Kanpur, his M.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Utah State University/Logan, and his Ph.D. in engineering mechanics from Brown University.

Dr. Zhu began his career as a software engineer for Nanjing Transducer Inc. in Nanjing, China. After receiving his Ph.D., he obtained the position of associate research engineer at Texas A&M University. He has since worked as a software engineer for Analytic Engineering Co. in Milpitas, CA before joining Advanced Research & Application Corp. His career has focused on developing software for nondestructive testing and transducer design optimization, ultrasonic nondestructive testing of composite materials, wave motion and vibration, and residual stress measurement. Dr. Zhu is a member of the American Society for Mechanical Engineers.

Dr. Kinra began his teaching career in 1975 as an assistant professor at the University of Colorado. He moved to Texas A&M University in 1982. He is a senior member and associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Dr. Kinra is also a member of the Society for Experimental Mechanics, the Acoustical Society of America, the American Academy of Mechanics, ASM International, and the American Society for Nondestructive Testing.

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