

Mr. ISO President, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

receiving the **Lawrence D Eicher** leadership award is truly a huge honor for us.

The two of us are standing here showing big smiles, and very proud smiles – but let me emphasize: **This award goes to SC 27**. We only represent SC 27, and we are smiling for the whole committee.

- This award goes to the **650+ experts** from all over the world who engage in our five Working Groups and who dedicate their time and knowledge to our subcommittee, experts that are well-known, ‘top class’ professionals, experts that work in governments, industry and academia.
It is these experts who have created and who maintain our portfolio of, as of today, about 150 security standards – some of them widely known and among ISO’s best-sellers, some of them less known but nevertheless important building blocks for a more secure cyberspace.
- This award also goes to the **70 National Bodies** from all five continents that participate in SC 27 – more than 50 of them as P members – and that dedicate their resources to our work.
When SC 27 was founded 25 years ago, we started with only 18 P members. Since then, with the migration of much human activity from the physical world into cyberspace, all of us have increasingly needed to deal with the impact of that transition on security and privacy.
Cyberspace has very few boundaries – one reason why our membership today covers almost the whole globe, and is still growing year by year.
- This leadership award goes to the international **management team** of SC 27 which helps to keep the experts on track and to meet the demands of our customers.
Because security is a horizontal area in that it applies to almost everything and should be considered almost everywhere, the customer base of SC 27 are not only businesses, administrations, or individuals, but also many other standards committees that apply our work in their respective field.
By the way, it is because of this horizontal aspect why SC 27 maintains such a large number of internal and external liaisons – currently we have more than 70 of them. Some members of our management team have served the committee for decades, and I cannot imagine where we would be without them.

- This award also goes to **DIN**, the German National Body, who has sponsored the Subcommittee Secretariat from the beginning - since SC 27 was founded a quarter of a century ago.

- And in part it goes to our parent committee **JTC 1**, which provides an excellent home and a very supportive environment for our work.

- Very sadly, this ceremony also brings back memories of colleagues and friends we have lost on our journey, due to disease and death. This award also goes to them.

In the name of SC 27, thank you for nominating us, and thank you for selecting us for the Lawrence D Eicher award. In my humble opinion, SC 27 is a truly great committee and serving as SC 27 chair is one of the best jobs available in ISO, trust me. I love this job and considering our area of work it's also a very good feeling to do something so useful.

Thank you again.