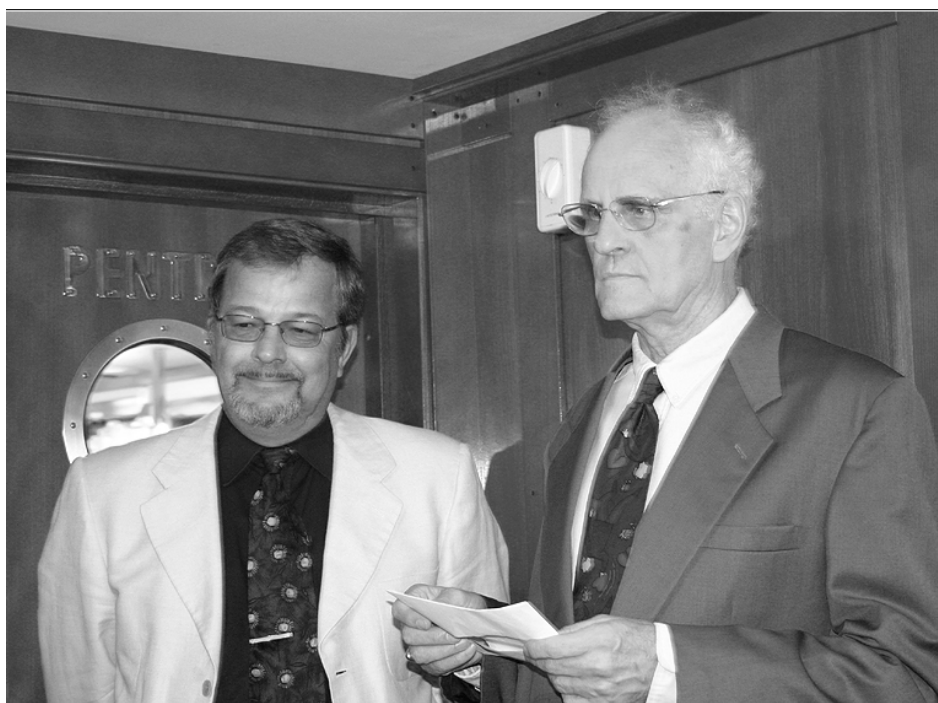


**Peter Ingwersen and Howard D. White
win the
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The Editorial and Advisory Board and the Publishers of *Scientometrics* are glad to announce that the 2005 Derek John de Solla Price Medal has been awarded to PETER INGWERSEN and HOWARD D. WHITE for their distinguished contributions to the field of scientometrics.



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**Peter Ingwersen:
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The fact that Peter Ingwersen was chosen as one of this year's Price awardees proves that we, informetricians and scientometricians, recognize outstanding scholarship where it is. Peter Ingwersen is one of those rare individuals who bridge the gap between the information retrievalists and the quantitative scientists in the information sciences.

Son of a geologist, Peter Ingwersen graduated in 1973 in Library and Information Studies at the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Copenhagen, and became a lecturer in information storage and retrieval, cataloguing and indexing theory at the same school. In 1982 he joined the online service staff of the Information Retrieval Service at the European Space Agency in Frascati, Italy. His R & D activities were concerned with user–system interface improvements, the development of a new family of online support and retrieval tools, and systems management. In his spare time he tried to bring tennis balls in orbit. As far as I know he is still trying, trying, trying Anyway, his stay there almost made him the first informetrician in space, and opened for him the fine sides of Italian culture.

Back at the Royal School of LIS as associate professor from 1984 on, he worked in a new department dealing with Information Resources Management, and the design of specialised information services and systems for industry and institutions.

Peter Ingwersen obtained his Ph. D. degree in 1991 from the Copenhagen Business University, Faculty of Economics, Institute of Informatics and Management with a dissertation on *Intermediary Functions in Information Retrieval Interaction*.

From July 1993 on, he was Head of the Department of Information Retrieval Theory, which later merged with the Department of Information Studies. He was senior researcher at the Centre for Informetric Studies at the Royal School of LIS from 1996 to 2000 and in January 2001 he became Research Professor at that department,

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specialising in Information Seeking, Interactive Information Retrieval, and Informetrics/Webometrics. Indeed, he is the first ever Research Professor in Denmark in the broad field of librarianship and information science.

Peter Ingwersen has served in several Esprit and other European projects as expert consultant. In this capacity, he developed the information system of the Danish Parliament, and has been a UNESCO project supervisor. He has been a visiting professor at Rutgers University, Åbo Akademy University (Finland), Tampere, Keio University (Tokyo, Japan) and at the University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

Peter Ingwersen has been a member of several professional evaluation committees in all Scandinavian countries, Israel, the UK and the USA, and was an official opponent in doctoral examinations in all Scandinavian countries, Australia, the Netherlands, South Africa, and the UK. He has been Conference Chairman, programme chair, member of the international programme committee and section chairman of numerous conferences. He was or is a member of the editorial board of *Journal of Documentation*, the *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology* (JASIS&T), *Scientometrics*, *Information Processing & Management*, *ARIST*, and the electronic journals *Information Research* and *Cybermetrics*.

He was and is a much appreciated supervisor of doctoral theses. Some of these doctors received international recognition for their work done under Peter Ingwersen's supervision. This proves that outstanding scientists attract outstanding students. In this connection I should also mention his involvement in NORSLIS and the Nordic Conferences.

We are not the first to recognize Peter Ingwersen's outstanding work for the profession. Indeed, he was appointed Fellow of the UK Library Association in 1990 and received the Jason Farradane Award in 1993 from the Institute of Information Scientists, UK. In 1994 he received the American Society for Information Science/New Jersey Chapter Distinguished Lectureship Award, and in 2003 the prestigious ASIS&T Research Award (USA) for his work on the cognitive approach to Information Retrieval.

Among many publications, his book *Information Retrieval Interaction*, published in 1992, (also published in Japanese translation, as well as in Korean) is the best known. It is now freely available on the web. It received more than 150 citations according to the Web of Science. But also the following articles received already more than 50 citations:

- 'Search procedures in the library – analyzed from the cognitive point of view' published in the *Journal of Documentation* in 1982. According to an interview from the ISSI Newsletter this was Peter Ingwersen's first real publication.

- ‘Cognitive perspectives of information retrieval interaction: elements of a cognitive IR theory’ also published in *Journal of Documentation*, in 1996 (more than 100 citations).
- Of course there is the famous Almind-Ingwersen paper ‘Informetric analyses on the World Wide Web: methodological approaches to webometrics’ again published in *Journal of Documentation*, where Peter Ingwersen and his late student Tomas Almind named and really started the field of webometrics.
- ‘The calculation of web impact factors’, again published in Peter’s favourite journal in 1998. The success of this article proves that ideas are sometimes more important than precise elaboration of these ideas.
- His ‘Perspectives of webometrics’ co-authored with Lennart Björneborn and published in 2001 in the journal *Scientometrics* already received more than 50 citations.

All this made Peter Ingwersen the most-cited Danish researcher in the Social Sciences over the last 15 years.

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