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**JON KLEINBERG**
Professor, Department of Computer Science, Cornell University

Kleinberg’s research focuses on issues at the interface of networks and information, with an emphasis on the social and information networks that underpin the Web and other on-line media. He is the recipient of a 2005 MacArthur Fellowship and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a recipient of the Packard and Sloan Foundation Fellowships, the Nevanlinna Prize from the International Mathematical Union and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences Award for Initiatives in Research.

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January 22, 2008

**CARLA ELLIS**
Professor, Department of Computer Science, Duke University

Ellis’ research interests are in operating systems, mobile computing and sensor networks. She is also committed to energy conservation, leading the Milly Watt Project, which focuses on setting energy use policy by developing power-aware architectures that cooperate with power management functions in the operating systems. She is on the board of the Computing Research Association (CRA) and is Editor-in-Chief of ACM Transactions on Computing Systems.

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February 5, 2008

**RICK RASHID**
Senior Vice President, Research, Microsoft Research

Dr. Rashid oversees Microsoft Research’s worldwide operations. He is a member of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Computer Directorate Advisory Committee, and his research interests have focused on artificial intelligence, operating systems, networking and multi-processors. He has published papers on a wide variety of topics and was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 2003 for his work in operating systems and for innovation in industrial research.

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February 12, 2008

**LUIS VON AHN**
Assistant Professor, Computer Science Department, Carnegie Mellon University

Luis von Ahn is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, and was named one of Popular Science Magazine’s “Brilliant 10” scientists of 2006. One of his more familiar inventions is CAPTCHA, the colorful images with distorted text seen at the bottom of Web registration forms. More recently, he was selected as a Microsoft New Faculty Fellow for 2007. His research interests include encouraging people to do work for free, as well as catching and thwarting cheaters in online environments.

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March 4, 2008

**SEBASTIAN THRUN**
Professor and Director, Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (SAIL)

Thrun is the project leader of the Stanford Racing Team that won the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge, creating an autonomous robotic car that traversed 132 miles of unhearsed desert terrain in 7 hours. Thrun has published 300 refereed articles (including eleven books), won six best paper awards, a German Olympia Award, a NSF CAREER award, and the research award of the City of Braunschweig. He is also an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and the German Academy of Science Leopoldina.

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