

SiliconIran Hosts Dazzling Technology Program and Awards Industry Leaders

More Than 250, Attended High Energy Event



SAN JOSE, Calif., January 23, 2002 - SiliconIran, the premiere business and technology information source providing news, analysis, and opinions on the high-tech industry for global Iran, hosted its annual High-Tech Forum and Awards event Thursday, with more than 250 in attendance for a night of information, networking and recognition.

"The goal of this event was to provide a forum for technology information sharing among the Iranians based here in Silicon Valley and throughout the United States," stated Susan Akbarpour, CEO and Chairwoman, SiliconIran, Inc. "We are also very

pleased to award the top performers on a number of merits."

SiliconIran annually honors Silicon Valley-based companies that have successfully demonstrated the ingenuity and business sense needed to succeed in today's highly competitive market. The criteria used by SiliconIran to determine the winners of each of the awards include a combination of traits such as financial performance, market leadership, vision, strategy, ability to compete in a worldwide market, a strong leadership base and the strength of commitment demonstrated by employees to their customers and community.

Award winners at the event included the following:



SiliconIran High-Tech Forum & Awards 2002 Honors Wireless Facilities, Inc. For Outstanding Financial Performance.

Left to right:
Laurie Falconer: Master of Ceremony/ Feature editor of SiliconIran/ Marcom director of Centillium Communications - Behrooz Rezvani, Ikanos Communications' CTO, Behrooz Rezvani - Dr. Mohammad Ketabchi, Founder/CEO of Savvion and Susan Akbarpour; SiliconIran president are handing the award to Massih Tayebi, Co-Founder and CEO of [Wireless Facilities](#).

Civic Appreciation Award

- [Kamran Elahian](#), Venture Capitalist & Managing Principal, Global Catalyst Partners
- [Sandy Close](#), executive director, Bay Area Institute/Pacific News Service

Outstanding Market Leadership

- [Zhone Technologies](#), Mory Ejabat, founder

Outstanding Financial Performance

- [Saba Software, Inc.](#), Bobby Yazdani, founder
- [Centillium Communications, Inc.](#), Faraj Aalaei, Shahin Hedayat, and Kamran Elahian, founders.
- [Wireless Facilities, Inc.](#), Massih and Masood Tayebi, founders

Outstanding Vision & Strategy

- [Arzoon, Inc.](#), Farid Debochi, founder

Distinguished Leadership

- [Yousef Javadi](#), President, Sprint International

Distinguished technology and business accomplishments

- [Dr. Mehrdad Nikoonahad](#), VP of Technology, KLA Tencor Corporation
- [Dr. Bahram Mahbod](#), VP of e-Services Platform Division, Oracle Corporation

Young Entrepreneur Award

- [Farhad Mohit](#), Founder, Chairman & Chief Marketing Officer, Bizrate.com
- Co-founders: [Farid Nemati](#), CTO & [Homan Igehy](#), VP of Business Development, T-RAM, Inc.

Woman Entrepreneur Award

- [Taraneh Derak](#), President, Yubé, Inc.

Corporate Appreciation Award

- [Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati](#)
- [Infostreet, Inc.](#) Siamack Farahbakhshian, founder
- [Multimedia Internet Services, Inc.](#), Karim Ardalan, founder



State of Economy, an outlook for the technology sector

Arun Veerapan senior analyst, Banc Boston Robertson Stephens



Current US-Iran Trade policies

Paul Thanos, Senior International Trade specialist of Department of commerce

The event featured four sessions including two keynote addresses. Arun Veerapan, managing director and senior technology analyst, Bank Boston Robertson Stephens spoke about the state of the economy and provided an outlook on the technology sector. Paul Thanos, Senior International Trade Specialist, Department of Commerce, spoke about current US-Iran trade policies.



Future of Communication: What's next?



Raising money in bad economy

Left to right:
Moderator: Richard J. Gallivan, Managing

Left to right:
Moderator: Faraj Aalaei, Centillium.
Communications CEO/Co-Founder.
David Tahmassebi, Resonext President & CEO.
Ali Far, Analyst Galion group.
Mehran Mosuai, Advanced Fibre Communication,
marketing VP.
Kambiz Houshmand, Cisco systems VP /GM DSL
Business Unit.

Director, Salomon Smith Barney.

Kamran Elahian: Global Catalyst Partners / Chairman
Jorge A. del Calvo: Partner Pillsbury Winthrop LLP
Hassan Parsa: Lucent Venture partners / Co-Founder
Lip Bu Tan: Walden International / Chairman

Also featured were two panel sessions including speakers from leading technology companies and venture capitalists from the Silicon Valley. Featured guests included Faraj Aalaei, CEO, Centillium Communications, Inc.; Ali Far, Analyst, Galleon Group; Kambiz Houshmand, VP/GM DSL Business Unit, Cisco; Mehran Mosuai, VP of Marketing, Advanced Fibre Communications; and David Tahmassebi, President & CEO, Resonext. The venture capital panel featured Richard J. Gallivan, Managing Director, Technology Investment Banking Group, Salomon Smith Barney; Lip Bu Tan, Founder and Chairman, Walden International; Kamran Elahian, Chairman, Global Catalyst Partners; Hassan Parsa, Co-founder, Lucent Venture Partners; and Jorge A. del Calvo, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP.

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- [Global Catalyst Partners](#)
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