The University of Minnesota has sponsored a second competition to recognize the design of innovative educational software. The competition was open to professional and not-for-profit educational software designers in such areas as higher education, K-12 education and commercial training. Winners of the second competition were announced in late April. Finals judges were Dr. John Bransford of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Brent Wilson of the University of Denver, and Dr. Peg Robyler of the University of West Georgia. Over a hundred other individuals have served as preliminary judges.

One of the competition’s goals is to establish a bank of exemplary educational software that can be examined by designers and students of educational software design. We propose to present the results of the competition at the conference and show the winners.

The presentation will present some of the exemplary work in the field; discuss how technology can successfully be used in the classroom; and why it is worthwhile to take the time and take the risk. Observations of the judging and competition process will be presented as well as future plans for the competition as an annually recurring event. Video of the award ceremony and judges interviews will be available. Winners of the competition will be demonstrated and observations from the process and the pool of winners will be presented.