



**Statement zum Innovationspreis 2003 von der Firma Sonnet**  
Jim Rautio, President and Founder

## **Innovationspreis 2003**

Innovation requires the courage to do things differently. Courage is required because doing things differently necessarily entails the risk of failure. When I started Sonnet 20 years ago, numerical electromagnetics was widely viewed by microwave designers as a completely useless academic exercise. The risk of failure was clear. It was difficult to accept the risk of failure, but we did, and today, with a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck, I think we can view Sonnet as being successful. We are pleased to sponsor this award for innovation with the hope that others, after careful consideration, will also find the courage to be different, to accept a clear risk of failure and perhaps, with hard work and a little bit of luck, to also find the joy of success.

-- Jim Rautio  
President and Founder