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The end of 2006 is now in sight and this edition of the newsletter is dedicated to celebrating the progress the industry in the UK and Ireland has made during 2006 and reviewing some of the highlights. We are especially grateful to all the support from members, partners and sponsors that have enabled us to deliver ever more products and services this year... to all of you we would like to say

A BIG THANK YOU.

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The **2006 Annual Review** is now available and you can request a copy by calling our the head office or by [downloading](#) an electronic copy from the website.

You may be surprised to learn that in 2006 NMI ran and partnered 25 industry events spanning business, design, product introduction and manufacturing. We produced more reports and surveys than ever before: regular business confidence reports, our first ever design survey, we've started a road-mapping activity in design verification, we produced a private equity guide with a public funding guide hot on its heels. We have also extended our reach into Europe and beyond as we carry out our mission to catalyse a confident, healthy and vibrant microelectronics industry. Next year we plan to do even more, more events, more reports, more tangible products and services and of course more partners and members.

Annual Awards

This years AGM and Awards Dinner saw NMI commemorate its 10th birthday and sign its 100th member. The occasion was marked in the company of the great and the good and NMI staff celebrated the evening with members and professionals from a formidable cross-section of the industry.

The evening witnessed great anticipation and excitement as it began with 99 members and high hopes of welcoming the 100th during the night. We were not to be disappointed and James Foster, CEO of Xmos Ltd., requested membership for his aspirational Bristol-based fabless start-up. James is an old friend of NMI having joined previously when he was CEO at Oxford Semiconductor and it was fitting to welcome him back with his new venture.

Having weathered some tough times in recent years we were very pleased to celebrate the successes of 2006 by paying tribute to those sparkling exemplars of the industry here. This year NMI made seven awards for performance, innovation and personal contribution across the industry.



NMI CEO Derek Boyd (left) welcomes James Foster of Xmos Ltd as the 100th Member to join NMI.

And the winners are...



David Milne of Wolfson Microelectronics accepts the Contribution to Training and Education Award from iSLI's Tony Harker.



Dr. Alison Burdett and Chris Toumazou (right) accept the Start Up of the Year Award from Sean Redmond of Cadence Design Systems.



Nick Horne (left) receives the Emerging Technology Award on behalf of Ember Europe Ltd. from Jeff Baloun and award sponsor Unisem.



Pat O'Donnell accepts the Manufacturing site of the Year Award on behalf of Analog Devices. The award was sponsored by NMI



Mike Levy receives the Innovation Award on behalf of Point 35 Microstructures. The award was sponsored by NXP Semiconductor



Mark Moroney of Seagate Technology receives the Energy Efficiency Award sponsored by British Energy.

The 2006 NMI Contribution to Industry Award was presented to David Kynaston, pictured here on the left with Arm's Chairman, Doug Dunn.



On-the-Radar: NMI Technical Networks Schedule

We would like to remind you all of the early schedule of technical events for the next 12 months. Details will follow nearer the time however we are always on the look-out for speakers and sponsors so if you're interested to take part in one of our much acclaimed technical sessions please contact us by clicking on the links below.

2007 Schedule of Technical Events

Feb [Design Verification \(mixed signal theme\)](#)
March [Failure Analysis, Characterisation and Reliability](#)
April [Reconfigurable Platforms and FPGA Design](#)
May [Power Electronics](#)
June [Embedded Software](#)
June [IC Packaging](#)
July [Analogue, Mixed Signal and RF Design](#)
Sept [System Level Design](#)
Oct [Design for Manufacture](#)

Well wishes for 2007

And finally, from all of us here at the NMI, we look forward to working with you in the New Year and to wish you all a very successful 2007.

We've expanded the Board of Directors...

To reflect the growing diversity of our members, we are pleased to announce 2 new members to the NMI board:

Patrick McNamee, VP Product Engineering at fabless firm, CSR

Anthony O'Neill who is Professor of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering at Newcastle University.

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