$10,000 ISDDE Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Educational Design To Sol Garfunkel of COMAP

Boulder, Colorado USA September 24, 2015 — The International Society for Design and Development in Education (ISDDE) has awarded the prestigious 2015 ISDDE Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Educational Design worth $10,000 to Solomon Garfunkel, Director of the *Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications* (COMAP) in Bedford, Massachusetts.

"This award recognizes the excellence of the design and development work in mathematics education that Sol Garfunkel and his team have produced over many decades," said Professor Susan McKenney, Chair of ISDDE.

"Through a series of ground-breaking initiatives Sol and his team have succeeded in moving the teaching and learning of mathematics in high schools and undergraduate programs forward in important ways" she added.

The unifying theme in Garfunkel's work has been the teaching of mathematics through mathematical modeling of real world situations – the message has always been that math is important, useful and interesting and the COMAP designed resources reflect that philosophy.

About COMAP

Since its inception in 1980, COMAP has developed a library of mathematical applications and championed the development and use of modeling to show students the applicability of mathematics in solving the world's problems. COMAP supports the teaching of mathematics by:

- using a multidisciplinary approach where students use mathematical modeling and technology to investigate important issues in their lives;
- creating materials to broaden students' appreciation for mathematics both as an evolving science and as a powerful tool to explore our world;
- issuing research reports aimed at strengthening teacher preparation in mathematics at all levels; and
- promoting collaboration between the educational community and practitioners of mathematics globally

Some key examples of COMAP's output are outlined in http://www.comap.com/index.html.

About the International Society for Design and Development in Education

ISDDE was founded to bring together the outstanding designers and developers from around the globe. The society aims to promote excellence in educational products and materials, particularly for science, mathematics, and technology by creating a professional community that shares knowledge, research, approaches, and critiques. ISDDE advances these goals through annual conferences, an e-journal, Educational Designer and annual prizes. For more information about ISDDE and its awards, visit www.isdde.org.

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