Dr. Howard Frank's Internet Hall of Fame acceptance speech

When I first encountered the packet switching technology, I thought it was a useful and interesting development. It was only after my first company, the Network Analysis Corporation, was contracted by ARPA to develop topological designs for the ARPANet that I began to realize the potential of the technology.

After our contract was expanded to investigate the economics of packet switching for large (nation-wide) networks that I became a true believer. After we did the first studies of the economics of packet voice networks, I began to believe that the packet switching technology would ultimately become the dominant telecommunications technology. It is therefore a great pleasure to see what has taken place over the last twenty years.

The Internet Society and its awards are one example of the power of packet switching and the development that have ensued from its developments. To be elected an Internet Pioneer is a great honor that I gratefully accept.

Thank you.