

## Ajeet Rohatgi wins Rappaport Award

■ The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has presented the second annual Paul Rappaport Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Award to Ajeet Rohatgi. The founding director of the University Center of Excellence for Photovoltaics Research and Education at the Georgia Institute of Technology received the symbolic prize at an NREL event in Denver in Dec. 2003. He was honored for his achievements in developing low-cost and high-efficiency solar cells, says NREL director Richard Trully.

Rohatgi, who began his research in PV devices in 1977, currently serves as professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia



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**Celebrity:** Ajeet Rohatgi has won the second annual Rappaport Award for his achievements in US PV

Institute of Technology. He has published more than 275 papers, achieved several solar cell record efficiencies, holds ten US patents, and is current laureate

of the IEEE PV Specialists Conference's Cherry Award (see PI 7/2003, p. 33).

NREL initiated the national Rappaport Award in 2002 in celebration of the laboratory's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is named after NREL's first director, who served the laboratory from 1977 for two years. The 2002 award went to Waverly Power and Light, an Iowa-based utility engaged in wind energy. *ik*