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Sydney, 6 August 2009 The winners of the prestigious 2009 Communications Alliance & CommsDay Awards were announced tonight at the Annual ACOMM Awards Dinner.

Communications Alliance CEO Anne Hurley said the high calibre of entries reflected the increasing maturity of the industry.

Digital confidence has been a key theme for 2009 and the communications industry has a significant role to play in building digital skills and encouraging greater use of communications technologies. The record number of entries for the 2009 ACOMM Awards reflects the maturity and professionalism of this industry, both of which are integral to inspiring digital confidence among our users.

On behalf of the industry, I congratulate all of the award winners, finalists and our 2009 Telecommunications Ambassadors, Hugh Bradlow and Bevan Slattery, on their commitment to achieving new standards of industry excellence, Ms Hurley commented.

Telstra Enterprise & Government was the winner of the Innovation for a Large Company Award, with Leopard Labs taking out the Innovation SME Award.

This year there were three Services to the Industry winners. Truman Hoyle Lawyers secured the prize for Professional Services Excellence, while Pipe Networks took the Partnerships for Growth Award. The Commitment to Customer Service Award was shared by iiNet for Consumer Customer Service and Telstra Enterprise & Government for Corporate Customer Service.

The Environmental Responsibility Award was won by Internode.

The inaugural Innovation in Content Delivery and Services through Partnership Award was won by a partnership between Dialogue Communications and Singtel Optus.

The industrys top honour for individual achievement, the 2009 Telecommunications Ambassador Award, was shared by Hugh Bradlow of Telstra and Bevan Slattery of Pipe Networks.

Hugh is recognised as both a technologist and a futurist, having being involved in the establishment of what is now a recognised centre of research excellence at the University of Wollongong. He is also a fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

With an outstanding record as a visionary, Bevan has a personal quest to advance Australias access to technology and promote progress in the telecommunications market.

Commenting on the outcome, Communications Day Publisher, Grahame Lynch said: The 2009 Awards evidence a new high standard of industry excellence. Tonights trophies were presented to the industrys most deserving but the real winners are Australian businesses and consumers who are being increasingly well served by an innovative, competitive and growing communications sector.

A comprehensive listing of this years Award finalists and their accomplishments is available at [www.commsalliance.com.au](http://www.commsalliance.com.au)

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