



## Dr. José Ángel Ávila Rodríguez receives ION Early Achievement Award 2009

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Dr. José Ángel Ávila Rodríguez - Research Associate at the Institute of Geodesy & Navigation, received the ION Early Achievement Award 2009 “for his remarkable contributions to the design of the Galileo frequency and signal plan and for his sustained technical work on compatibility and interoperability”.

In his work over the past years, José Ángel has made fundamental achievements in signal and code design, introducing theoretical models with which current and future navigation signals can be described. Furthermore, his studies have helped in better understanding how the compatibility between different signals can be achieved. In particular, the results of his work can be considered as a fundamental contribution to the design and development of the current

Galileo frequency and signal plan.

“I am really honored and grateful for this Award. I have heard I am the first European who has ever won it, what is a great privilege”, Dr. Ávila Rodríguez explained. “Of course it is a big step for my future career, but I see it furthermore as the recognition to the work that my colleagues and I have carried out in the institute in the past. It is very encouraging but I actually take this prize as a challenge to myself to continue working hard also in the future.”

The ION Early Achievement Award is given to individuals younger than 35 who have made a significant achievement in their early career. The purpose is to recognize promising scientists who have made an outstanding contribution in the art and science of navigation. Among the former recipients of this award we can find well renowned characters such as Dr. Christopher Hegarty, Dr. Todd Walter and Dr. Mark G. Petovello.

José Ángel thankfully received the Award during the ION International Technical Meeting in San Diego on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The Institute of Geodesy and Navigation congratulates José Ángel on his Award!