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Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Wins "Best Content" in *The Charleston Advisor* Reader's Choice Awards

STANFORD, California – November 2005 – The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP) received the Best Content award from *The Charleston Advisor* in its Fifth Annual Reader's Choice Awards. The journal rated electronic services and databases for libraries. *The Charleston Advisor* described the SEP as "a project of superior quality within its discipline" and considered the SEP to be "exemplary in pulling together many of the best experts in the field as contributors." The award was announced in the October issue (v.5, no. 2) of *The Charleston Advisor*. See http://www.charlestonco.com/features.cfm?id=188&type=me

John Perry, Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University and faculty advisor to the SEP, said, "The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy has become the premier portal to philosophy on the World Wide Web. By offering authoritative and in-depth entries on the most important issues in contemporary philosophy, it has become an invaluable learning and research tool for students and scholars alike."

Edward Zalta, Principal Editor for the SEP, notes, "We are very pleased to receive this award. *The Charleston Advisor* recognizes the value of a peer-reviewed, online resource for philosophy. The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy's contributing authors and editors, some of the world's top philosophy scholars, constantly amaze me by their commitment of time and energy. Their efforts make philosophical scholarship broadly available and accessible to everyone."

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