

## Conference Opening and Plenary Session



Plenary speaker Richard V. Cox (center) with General Chairperson Sally L. Wood (right) and Chairman of the Asilomar Conference Steering Committee Charles Therrien (left).

### Internet Telephony

In February 1995, Vocal Tee produced the first Internet Protocol Telephone software. The call quality was poor but the phone calls were free. In that era Internet Telephony (IT) was compared the CB radio craze of a generation ago. Those using, or working on, IT were referred to as the "lunatic fringe" by those in conventional telephony. Today, Internet Telephony is accepted as mainstream technology. IT has become the logical successor to the circuit switched telephony that evolved over the past 125 years. What is Internet Telephony and why has this rapid change happened?

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