

News

The SMPTE Washington Section will hold an all-day meeting on October 16, 1993, at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Va. The event, entitled "Exploring the Digital Dawn," will cover the operation and maintenance of a digital plant. A Welcoming Reception is planned for Friday, October 15. For more information, contact Tony Pignoni, Panasonic Co., 34 Ashlawn Blvd., Palmyra, VA 22963.

The BKSTS Biennial Film and Television Conference, Moving Images 93, will be held at the Cumberland Hotel in London, November 30 to December 2, 1993.

The first day of the conference, entitled "2001 - A Media Odyssey," will feature an opening announcement by BKSTS President Ken Barrat, a keynote address by SMPTE Engineering Vice-President Ken Davies, videotaped comments from Sony chairman Akio Morita, and an address by Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC Network Television. Morning and afternoon sessions will examine the social implications and consequences of rapidly developing technologies in film, television, and computers.

The day will conclude with two major discussion sessions. "Limitless Choice and Possible Consequences," will be led by John Forrest, National Telecommunications Ltd., and "Film, Social Responsibility and the Environment," chaired by John Baptista, CFI.

Days two and three will explore newly emerging technical developments and their applications from the creative and production perspectives. Topics to be addressed will include "Technology and Its Use in Production," "Digital Manipulation of Images," and "Digital Compression and Standards in Picture and Sound."

Speakers will be international in scope. A conference showcase will provide appropriate demonstrations of some of the technologies discussed in the technical program. For more information, contact Bill Evans, BKSTS, M6-14 Victoria House, Vernon Place, London WC1B 4DF, England.

Abstracts are being sought for the International Optical Design Conference, which will take place June 6 to 9, 1994, at the Rochester Convention Center, Rochester, N.Y. An informal exhibit of tabletop displays will complement the technical program.

Papers relevant to any aspect of the optical design process will be welcomed for

consideration. Suggested topics include adaptive optics, design methods and theory, laser systems, optics in virtual reality, and developments in zoom systems.

The deadline for receiving abstracts is January 17, 1994. For more information, contact the Optical Society of America, 2010 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036-1023.

Storage and Recording Systems - 1994 will be held April 5 to 7, 1994, at the University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire, England. The conference will cover commercial and technological developments in video, multimedia, data, and audio storage and recording. Sessions will cover such subjects as CD-ROMs for business, training and entertainment; multimedia systems and future markets and standards, broadcasting and archival storage, compression, videorecording systems, magnetic media, and HDTV.

The conference is being organized by the Electronics Division of the Institution of Electrical Engineers; the SMPTE is a sponsor of the event. For more information, contact Louise J. Bousfield, SRS '94 Secretariat, Conference Services, IEE, Savoy Pl., London WC2R 0BL, England.

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) has moved its operation center from Brussels to Geneva. The EBU headquarters will function as a traffic control center, routing 50,000 television transmissions (Eurovision) and 1500 radio concerts (Euroradio) to 61 broadcasting organizations in 47 countries. The regrouping of the organization became a necessity because of growth in EBU activities, particularly since the broadcasting organizations of central and eastern Europe became full members at the beginning of the year. The facility will make full use of state-of-the-art tools, such as digital television, fiber optics, and the infrastructure of cinema-quality widescreen television.

SMPTE Fellow Burton "Bud" Stone was presented with The Humanitarian Award by the Will Rogers Memorial Fund.

Stone, the president of Deluxe Laboratories, is the second recipient of the award, which was presented to him during ceremonies on September 13. A mem-



ber of the Board of Directors of the Will Rogers Memorial Fund, Stone spearheaded the Annual Audience Collection Campaign, which produces the major share of revenues for the organization. He also personally secures the film stock, negatives, and processing for the trailers as well as supervises all technical aspects.

Stone is an active participant in the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, American Society of Cinematographers, and Hollywood Television and Radio Society. He currently serves as president of the Technology Council, is on the board of directors of the Foundation of the Motion Picture Pioneers, and is a former president of the Association of Cinema and Video Laboratories.

William "Pete" Moutanos has been appointed president and CEO of Abekas Video Systems. He joined the company in January of 1991 as vice-president of marketing and sales. Prior to that he spent nine years with the Grass Valley Group.



Michael J. Martin has been appointed account manager, broadcast and satellite communications, at Comlink Systems Inc. Martin, who has 17 years of experience in technology and sales in the broadcast industry, previously held senior positions with Imagineering Ltd. and Adcom Electronics.



Mea Culpa

Due to an oversight, the front cover of the September 1993 *Journal* repeated the contents of the August *Journal*. For an accurate listing of the September contents, please refer to the table of contents on page 767 of that issue. We apologize for this unfortunate error.

— Jeffrey Friedman,
Editor/Publisher