

News

General Arrangements Committee Chairman Names for 136th SMPTE Conference; Call for Papers Issued



Milt Shefter

Milt Shefter, Miljoy Enterprises, has been appointed General Arrangements Committee Chairman for SMPTE's 136th Technical Conference and World Media Expo by Conference Vice-President Ed Hobson, National Tele-Consultants. The Conference will be held October 12-15, 1994, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles. The theme of this year's conference is "The Digital Era...Ready or Not."

John Brooks, Brooks/Flemming Assoc., has been named as General Arrangements Co-Chairman. Last year, Shefter and Brooks worked together to make the 135th Conference one of the most successful conferences in recent years.

Call for Papers

A call for papers for the 136th Conference program has been issued by SMPTE Editorial Vice-President David George, Imagineering, Ltd.

According to Program Chairman Howard T. La Zare, Film Tec International, the following topic chairmen have been selected: Greg Arnold, Eastman Kodak Co., (Film Technology); David Keighley, 70-mm Inc., Imax, (Special Venues); Paul Borg, Agfa, (Ecology and Photographic Chemistry); David Scammell, Quantel, (Dedicated Computer Platforms); Leon Silverman, Laser Pacific, (Use of General Purpose Computers in Post-Production Applications); Richard Wolfe, Hi-Vision, (Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting); and Paul Carey, Com-ponent Video, (New Media Concepts).

Authors interested in presenting papers at the conference must submit their names, company affiliations, addresses, phone numbers, and a 500-word synopsis to Marilyn Waldman at SMPTE Headquarters, 595 W. Hartsdale Ave., White Plains, NY 10607, (914) 761-1100; Fax: (914) 761-3115.

The information must be submitted by May 27, 1994, on forms provided by Headquarters.

—Aileen Moroney

SMPTE German Section Issues Call for Papers for 1994 Conference

A call for papers has been issued for the forthcoming 1994 European SMPTE Conference, to be held at the Cologne Photokina Fair in Cologne, Germany, from September 22-24, 1994. Program Chair Juergen K. R. Heitmann, BTS GmbH, has announced that the conference will have as its theme *Convergence of Imaging Media*.

The first European SMPTE Conference, held in 1992 in Cologne, was very successful, with an attendance of over 200. The next conference is expected to be one of Europe's leading forums for the dissemination of new technical information in television, electronic imaging, and related fields. The technical sessions will be preceded by one day of tutorials, designed to promote greater understanding between people working in the fields of television and computer imaging. Translations from German to English will be available at the conference.

Authors are invited to submit their names, addresses, title of paper, etc., on the appropriate author form, together with a 500-word synopsis outlining the contents of the proposed paper. The deadline is April 15, 1994. The author information sheet should also be submitted by that date. Both forms are available from Headquarters. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marilyn Waldman, SMPTE Editorial Program Coordinator, at 595 W. Hartsdale Ave., White Plains, NY 10607.

Australian Section Conference Set for July

As announced earlier, the SMPTE Australian Section will present its sixth International Conference in July 1994. The conference, entitled *Future Horizons*, will be held July 5-8, 1994, at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Details will be published in future issues of the *Journal*.

A life insurance plan credit has been announced for members who participate in the SMPTE Life Insurance Plan. Those insured as of Sept. 30, 1993, will receive a credit of 35% of their semiannual premium due on the Apr. 1, 1994, renewal and a second credit of 15% of the semiannual premium due on Oct. 1, 1994, renewal. This marks the 30th consecutive year in which the strong financial condition of the plan has reduced the cost of this valuable protection for insured members and their families through premium credits. The plan offers coverage up to \$300,000 for members. Protection for spouses and dependent children is also available. For more information contact Administrator, SMPTE Group Insurance Program, 1255 23rd St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037, or call toll free (1-800) 424-9883; in Washington, DC (202) 296-8030.

Doug Cheek has been appointed president of General Television Network Industries by company CEO and owner Joan Binkow. Cheek joined GTN in 1982 as Production Manager, and was promoted to oversee operations in 1985. He successfully led the company through the recession to profitability without having to resort to staff layoffs.



D. Wayne Lee has founded Lee Sound Design, Inc., a full service consulting firm based in Atlanta and specializing in acoustics, sound systems and video systems. Before starting his own business, Lee spent nearly eight years as engineering manager at Baker Audio/Telecom. Lee served as the designer and project manager for the audio and video systems in "The Walk Through Time in Georgia" theme exhibit at the new Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta.

John Klecker has joined Harris Allied as television district sales manager for the western U.S. He will represent Harris television transmission equipment as well as Harris Allied studio and satellite systems. Previously, Klecker had been employed by Andrew Corp., most recently serving as regional sales manager based in California.

