



Michael Martin introduces the guest speakers at the May meeting in Toronto. (From left) Mary Louise Bucher, Wally Bebenek, Mark Northeast, Greg Fitzgerald, Richard Christensen, Richard Hajda, Don Bezenar, and John Quanz.

platform that could input film or tape in nearly all formats and then output with equal flexibility while adjusting its internal processing to deliver an appropriate visual presentation. Maja Dimitrijevic, Technical Computer Graphics, visually reviewed some of the video effects that have recently appeared in such Hollywood offerings as *True Lies*, *Forrest Gump*, and *Tekwar*. Following the videotape, she demonstrated Flint's capabilities, available in near real-time, and described those available in suitable rendering time.

Prior to the technical presentation, outgoing Section Chair Robert Musberger, University of Houston, introduced the newly elected Board of Managers and was honored for his long record of service to the Section. — Andy Anderson (Secretary/Treasurer), Univ. of Houston

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The May meeting, held at Ryerson Polytechnic University, was the Section's annual wrap-up after the NAB convention

in Las Vegas. Program moderator Michael Martin, Comlink Systems, Inc., opened the discussion with comments about the digital frontier and the introduction of new consumer-related products and services delivery. He was followed by nine speakers, who each summarized the NAB in terms of his or her own company.

Wally Bebenek, Panasonic, stated that his company had the busiest show in years, introducing a variety of enhancements to existing products lines in addition to several entirely new ones. According to Mark Northeast, Quantel, all products had major changes and enhancements; "faster" seemed to be the operating buzz word. All earlier Quantel products have an upgrade path. Don Bezenar, Acura Technology Group, introduced the BTS Media Pool file server, giving BTS's philosophy on file server implementation. Bezenar also explained the "no limits and no restrictions" policy of Abekas; creativity tools in the products are based on feature sets asked for by the customer. Mary Louise Bucher, Hewlett-Packard, spoke of the evolution of the HP file server product.

HP demonstrated a number of third-party applications and products of other vendors running on their hardware along with a file archiving program.

Jeff Krebs, Avid Technology, mentioned that his company showed a total of 75 products that were either totally brand new or contained enhancements. Rich Hajdu, Dynatech, gave the highlights of what was introduced under the Dynatech umbrella, which includes eight different companies. John Quanz, Sony, explained that his company's booth was a TV station outputting two channels. Greg Fitzgerald, Silicon Graphics, Inc., commented there were over 200 SGI systems on the show floor, up from very few last year. He explained that his company believes in open systems and general purpose computers running third party software developed by SGI's partners. Finally, Richard Christensen, Leitch Technology, reported that his company showed many new products focusing on new technologies. — Stephen Pumple (Promotions Advisor), Immad Broadcast Services

Calendar

SMPTE ACTIVITIES

MILAN, ITALY — 1995 SMPTE European Conference, Milano Fair. *October 19-23, 1995.*

SEATTLE, WASH. — 1996 Advanced Television and Electronic Imaging Conference, Sheraton Seattle Hotel and Towers. *February 2-3, 1996.*

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — 138th SMPTE Technical Conference and World Media Exp, Los Angeles Convention Center. *October 9-12, 1996.*

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September

SMART '95, 11th Annual General Assembly of the World Teleport Assoc., Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Canada. Info: Sally Yan, SMART '95 Secretariat, 10 Bay St., Ste. 300, Toronto, Canada M5J 2R8. *September 11-15, 1995.*

IBC95, RAI Exhibition and Congress Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: IBC Convention Office, 2 Savoy Place, London WC2R OBL, England. *September 14-18, 1995.*

October

1995 SMPTE European Conference, Milano Fair/Padiglione Sud, Lacchiarella,

Milan, Italy. Info: SMPTE Italian Section, World Broadcast Systems, Via Teocrito 47, 20128 Milano, Italy. *October 19-23, 1995.*

November

Third Color Imaging Conference, The Radisson Resort, Scottsdale, Ariz. Info: Pam Forness, Society for Image Science & Technology, 7003 Kilworth Lane, Springfield, VA 22151. *November 7-10, 1995.*

Annual Intl. Workshop of HDTV and the Evolution of Television, Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan. Info: Frances Su, Chiao Tung Univ., Center for Professional Advancements, 1001 Ta Hsuah Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan. *November 15-17, 1995.*