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SMPTE and RTNDA Form Joint Working Group

The Society and the Radio and Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) have formed a joint committee to study user requirements in the area of application of 6-mm tape formats for professional use. The two groups will work towards development of standards that will optimize the opportunities for interchange and establish electronic interface standards.

For more information about this venture, contact John Izzo, SMPTE Director of Marketing, at SMPTE Headquarters, 595 W. Hartsdale Ave., White Plains, NY 10607, tel: (914) 761-1100, fax: (914) 761-3115, e-mail: mktg@smpte.org.

The Montreux International Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition will be held from June 12 to 17, 1997, in Montreux, Switzerland. The event will begin on June 12 with the opening session and keynote speech, followed by the presentation of the Montreux Achievement Gold Medal, which recognizes the most outstanding technical development serving the world of television. Topics to be covered during the technical program include production/post-production, cable, satellite and terrestrial broadcasting, and interactive multimedia services. In addition to workshops and tutorials, there will also be a "Future Technology Forum" and a "Management Forum." Newcomers to Montreux will have their own introductory session, where they will learn about the structure of the event. The exhibition which runs from June 13 to 17, will include displays and demonstrations of the latest innovations in television, cable, and satellite equipment. For more information, contact the Montreux International Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition, P.O. Box 1451, Rue du Théâtre 5, 1820 Montreux, Switzerland, tel: +41 21 963 3220, fax: +41 21 963 8851, e-mail: r.crawford@tvsym-pomcnet.ch or ph.guillemain@tvsym-pomcnet.ch

The George Washington University Continuing Engineering Education Program is featuring a short course program. Among the classes that will be offered include "Advanced Simulation Concepts: Verification, Validation, and Accreditation" (July 10 to 12 and November 13 to 15), "Analyzing Communications System Performance" (June 10 to 12), "Digital Transmissions Systems" (August 19 to 23), and "Fiber-Optic Technology For Communications

SMPTE Names New Engineering Vice-President

William C. Miller, Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., has been named Engineering Vice-President, according to an announcement made by SMPTE President Stanley N. Baron, NBC. Miller replaces Mark Richer, ATSC, who stepped down earlier this year.

Miller joined ABC in 1975 as an audio/video project engineer. From 1988 to 1995, he was manager, technical operations center engineering maintenance. Presently, he is a senior engineer in the Broadcast Operations and Engineering Division of Capital Cities/ABC. His current projects include the design and installation of



plant-wide serial digital video and audio distribution and routing systems, development of a machine control system for the serial digital television plant, and planning for advanced television services.

Miller joined the Society in 1979, and was elevated to Fellow status in 1995. He has participated on numerous SMPTE engineering committees, both as member and as chair. Most recently, Miller served as chair of the Television Signals Technology Committee. A 1973 graduate of Columbia University, Miller received a Sports Emmy in 1988 for his work as technical supervisor for the broadcast of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games.

Applications" (June 26 to 28 and December 9 to 11). For further information about additional course titles, instructors, and course locations, contact the Registrar, George Washington University, tel: (800) 424-9773 or (202) 994-5288, fax: (202) 872-0645, e-mail: ceepinfo@ceep.vpaa.gwu.edu.

Iowa State University is offering a new correspondence course addressing on-the-job applications of optical fiber technology.

The course is written by Paul Rosenberg, director of the Fiber Optic Association. Subjects explained in the course include estimating and bidding; testing and standards; connectors, splicing, and restoration; licensing and certification; designing fiber systems; and supervising installations. For more information, contact Connie Middleton, Dept. of Extended and Continuing Education, Iowa State University, 102 Scheman Bldg., Ames, IA 50011, tel: (515) 294-6229.

The 1996 European SMPTE Conference on Imaging Media

The 1996 European SMPTE Conference on Imaging Media will be held September 19 to 21, 1996, at the Cologne Fairgrounds in Germany. The conference is being organized by the SMPTE European Sections and the Montreux International Television Symposium and will run concurrently with Photokina.

The comprehensive, user-oriented technical program is designed for suppliers and users of imaging media systems, focusing on such topics as the convergence of imaging media (video and computer), image acquisition and processing, tools for multimedia production and services, digital imaging for

film and television, and image display techniques.

A call for papers has been issued for anyone interested in presenting a paper at the conference. The deadline for submitting a 600-word synopsis outlining the content of the paper is June 15, 1996. Materials should be sent to the Program Chair, Dr. Jürgen Heitmann, fax: +49-6155-870853, e-mail: CompuServe 72022.10. For further information about the conference, contact KölnMesse, Dept. Photokina, P.O. Box 21 07 60, D-50532 Cologne, Germany, tel: +49 221/821-2196, fax: +49 221/821-3413.