

Section Meetings



From left to right, David Niles, John Dowdell, Robert Seidel, and Raymond Blumenthal at the New York meeting in June.

New York June 19, 1997

The June meeting was held at Show Me New York, a high-definition theater in Manhattan. Some 210 members and guest attended the meeting, entitled "HDTV Viewing," during which they were treated to a 40-minute trip around New York City by HDTV projection.

John Dowdell, Tape House Advanced Imaging Center, discussed how the transition to HDTV broadcasting will be aided by the vast amount of film media available in the world for transfer to DTV. He explained how the Philips/Kodak DataCine facilitates the transfer of 35mm or 16mm film to standard-definition or HDTV. The Tape House has been producing multiple-resolution transfers via the Spirit for one year and has been transferring 1035/1080I to the Panasonic D-5 HD tape recorder for the last six months. Real-life examples of commercial and feature transfers were projected with commentary.

Robert Seidel, CBS, Inc., talked about the implementation of HDTV at the CBS Network and showed a short clip of an actual HDTV transmission. He also examined issues relating to resolution differences between HDTV and SDTV.

Finally, David Niles, president of Show Me New York, spoke briefly about the new HD facility. He explained how the tape was produced using various HD formats such as Sony 1-in., JVC W-VHS, and Panasonic HD D-5 edited in the Panasonic format and projected on Barco HD projectors. He then gave a short tour of the facility. —Raymond Blumenthal (Manager), Panasonic Broadcast

Russia June 18, 1997

Fifty-seven people attended the June meeting, held at NIKFI Headquarters in Moscow. The topic examined was advanced video projectors, including the new opportunities they offer and possible applications for them. Modern projectors were reviewed, and discussions revolved around screens for reflecting and translucent projections and stereo projection.—Valery S. Ershov (Secretary/Treasurer), Cinema & Photo Research Institute

Toronto June 10, 1997

The final monthly meeting of the 1996-97 season focused on archiving film and video. The 75-member audience heard a mixed message that told of Canada's poor record of archiving its visual heritage as well as provided some hope that current efforts might be turning the situation around.

Janice Simpson, sound and moving image archivist from the Archives of Ontario, opened the evening by focusing on the responsibilities of the archivist. Audiovisual archivists are new to the vocation, and training remains one of the profession's biggest problems. Even though George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y., offers a program, most of the professional advancement is spread through the various associations that service the archivist profession.

In explaining her profession, Simpson identified the four areas on which the

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Dates for future meetings:
November 1997: MPEG-2

Rocky Mountain

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Dates for future meetings

October 15, 1997

The Challenges of Wiring for Digital
Speaker: Dave Geon, Belden Wire Cable

November 19, 1997

Video Preprocessing for Compression

San Francisco

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The 1997 San Francisco Section Second Saturday Tutorials:

October 11, 1997

Growing into MPEG

November 8, 1997

Living with MPEG-2

All times are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The seminars will be held at Stanford University, Gates B-01 Computer Science Classroom, Palo Alto, Calif.

Toronto

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Dates for future meetings

October 14, 1997

November 11, 1997

December 9, 1997

January 13, 1998

March 10, 1998

April (TBA), 1998

May 12, 1998

June 8, 1998

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