

News

Technical Program Set for Montreux Symposium

The program has been completed for the 20th Montreux International Symposium, which will take place June 12 to 17, 1997, in Montreux, Switzerland. Over 100 senior executives from every branch of the television industry have agreed to participate in this event, working under the theme "The All-Digital World of Television." The technical sessions this year fall into the categories of program production, post-production, program service distribution, cable, satellite, interactive media services, and terrestrial transmission. Almost all of the 53 sessions will take account of the transition to digital techniques. Michael Jordan, chairman and CEO, Westinghouse Electric Corp., will be presenting the keynote address, "Crossing the Digital Frontier."

The two-day Management Forum will provide management and business executives with a comprehensive update on the business and technical opportunities presented by the sweep of the digital revolu-

tion. The highlight of the forum will be the live demonstrations of the European DVB-HD and the American ATSC HDTV transmission systems, chaired by Joseph Flaherty, CBS, and George Waters, EBU. In addition, a new feature of the Management Forum is luncheon addresses to be given by A. Baan, Philips Business Electronics, and Charles Sherman, NAB.

The Future Technology Forum also returns this year, presenting and demonstrating products currently being developed. The foci of this forum will be on "The Future of Video Compression," "Displays in the 21st Century," and "Virtual Technology — Virtual Hollywood?"

In addition to the popular early morning workshops on detailed technical issues, a new series of tutorials has been added. These tutorials are designed for the executive who finds the pace of technology too rapid to keep up with the important basics. Three concurrent day-long sessions will be given on June 11, addressing the critical areas of hybrid fiber coax, video compression, and conditional access.

For further information regarding the 20th Montreux International Symposium, contact: P.O. Box 1451, Rue du Théâtre 5, 1820 Montreux, Switzerland; in the U.S., contact Rupert Stow, tel: (516) 878-8663, fax: (516) 874-8809.

Fiber Options, Inc., has appointed two new senior engineers to its Special Projects team. **Frank Forster** brings to the company more than 20 years of experience in microprocessor-based systems software, with expertise in system analysis, design, and development. Forster previously held R&D, engineering, and new product development positions with industry leaders in security and surveillance, electronic publishing, and in entertainment.

Mike Ramatour has held positions in senior design and development in the CCTV and entertainment industries. His responsibilities have focused on R&D design of advanced broadband products as well as engineering designs for analog and digital processing.

Calendar

SMPTE Activities

NEW YORK, N.Y. — SMPTE Technical Conference and Equipment Exhibit, Marriott Marquis Hotel, *November 21-24, 1997.*

TORONTO, ONTARIO — 32nd Advanced Motion Imaging Conference, *February 5-7, 1998.*

For more information on these and other SMPTE activities contact SMPTE Headquarters:
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May

SID (Society of Information Display) '97, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Mass. Info: Mark Goldfarb, Palisades Institute for Research Services, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ste. 500, Arlington, VA 22202. *May 11-16, 1997.*

DTV: The Digital Television Forum, Loews Beach Hotel, Santa Monica, Calif. Info: Adam Abelson, World Research Group, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036, adam@worldrg.com, <http://worldrg.com>. *May 14-16, 1997.*

June

47th International Design Conference in Aspen, Aspen Music Tent, Aspen, Colo. Info: IDCA, P.O. Box 664, Aspen, CO 81612, e-mail: idca@csn.net. *June 5-8, 1997.*

International Conference on Consumer Electronics, Westin Hotel O'Hare, Chicago, Ill. Info: Diane Williams, Conference Coordinator, Consumer Electronics Society of the IEEE, 67 Raspberry Patch Drive, Rochester, NY 14612-2868, e-mail: d.williams@ieec.org, Internet: <http://www.icce.org>. *June 9-13, 1997.*

Montreux International Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition, Rue du Théâtre, Montreux, Switzerland. Info: P.O. Box 1451, Rue du Théâtre 5, 1820 Montreux, Switzerland. *June 12-17, 1997.*

SHOWBIZ Expo, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, Calif. Info: Reed Exhibition Companies, 383 Main Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851, <http://www.showbizexpo.com>. *June 13-15, 1997.*

ATSM Committee E-12 Meeting on Appearance, Adams Mark and St. Louis Marriott, St. Louis, Mo. Info: Bode Buckley, American Society for Testing and Materials (ATSM) 100 Barr Harbor Dr., W. Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, e-mail: bbuckley@atsm.org. *June 18-20, 1997.*

July

New Broadcast Standards and Systems, University of Surrey, Guildford, U.K. Info: The Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL, U.K., e-mail: nsharp@iee.org.uk. *July 7-11, 1997.*

August

The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Annual Conference, Westin Hotel Seattle, Seattle, Wash. Info: Valerie Landers, Manager, Member Services, IESNA, 120 Wall St., 17th Fl., New York, NY 10005-4001. *August 18-20, 1997.*

September

IBC97, RAI Exhibition and Congress Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: Sarah Campbell, IBC Office, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BLP. *September 12-16, 1997.*