

SMPTE NEWS & NOTES

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SMPTE'S 140TH TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT TO TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH

SMPTE's Technical Conference and Exhibit is less than one month away.

Are you registered for the Society's DTV-focused event scheduled for October 28-31, 1998? You can still make plans to be part of the 140th installment of the conference consisting of an all-day seminar and ten papers sessions following the theme "DTV Reality Check—The First Year." Alan J. Masson, Eastman Kodak, and Alan A. Hart, Modern VideoFilm, will chair the program.

Conference activities will commence with Mark Schubin's all-day seminar titled "DTV—Proven Solutions." Schubin will discuss some of the answers to DTV that do not require reinventing the medium. Other topics of discussion include the Top Down meetings of the Implementation Subcommittee of the Advanced Television Systems Committee.

Three days of technical papers presentations from several industry professionals will follow Schubin's seminar. Session titles include: "Image Acquisition," "Video Compression and System Interconnection," "Transmission and Receiver Technology—Reception Realities," "Video Compression and System Interconnection," "Telecine and Digital Electronic Post," "Sound Post-Production and Transmission," "Film Laboratory and Theater Technology," "Servers and Video Data Management," "Electronic Cinema—Progress Report: Movies as Data," and "Test and Measurement."

A list of papers scheduled for presentation and other details are included in this month's conference story. A registration form is also available in this issue.

ADVANCED MOTION IMAGING CONFERENCE SET FOR FEBRUARY 1999

The 33rd SMPTE Advanced Motion Imaging Conference will be held on February 25-27, 1999 at the Omni Rosen Hotel in Orlando, FL. Following the theme "Innovation, Implementation, and Operation," the conference will include four program sessions headed by Clyde D. Smith, Speer Worldwide, and an all-day seminar chaired by Oliver Peters, Universal Studios.

The technical program will feature the following topics: "Acquisition," "Post-Production," "Integration," and "Distribution and Transmission."

A call for papers has been issued. Authors are requested to submit papers consistent with the conference's theme and topics previously mentioned. Papers submittal information and additional conference details are included in this month's *Journal*.

SMPTE '99—"INTO THE TOTAL DIGITAL ERA"

The Society's Australian section has begun planning for SMPTE '99. The conference and exhibit will be held on July 13-16, 1999 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Australian television networks will begin broadcasting digital, wide-screen, high-definition pictures with multichannel, CD-quality sound in 2001. In relation to Australia's new format, the conference will display the new wide-screen digital television receivers, set-top boxes, transmission and receiver hardware which will play a major role in the continent's new system.

The conference, chaired by Eric Hitchen, engineering consultant, will present the following topics: "Digital Television Production," "Broadcast and Distribution," "Digital Radio and Audio Considerations," "Education and Training," "Film," "Sports and Event Coverage by Television and Radio," "Digital Television and Radio Receivers," "Convergence and the Net," "Virtuality in Television and Film Production," and "Video and Audio Measurements."

A call for papers has been issued. The topics listed above should be treated as a starting point, as suggestions for conference topics are welcomed. The deadline for submittals is November 1, 1998.

For inquiries regarding submission of papers, the conference program, exhibition, and accommodation and travel details, contact Lesley Rogan, SMPTE '99 Conference Organizer, Expertise Events Pty Ltd., tel: + 612 9977 0888, fax: + 612 9977 0336, e-mail: smppte_papers@bigpond.com.

REVISED STANDARDS PUBLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

"SMPTE Standards for Ancillary Data with Supplemental Documents," second edition, has been revised and expanded. The 125-page softcover now includes 11 Standards and Recommended Practices addressing ancillary data space, supplemental interface documentation, and related *SMPTE Journal* articles. The publication is priced at \$40 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Orders can be placed by mail to SMPTE Books, 595 W. Hartsdale Ave., White Plains, NY 10607, fax: (914) 761-3115, or e-mail: mktg@smppte.org.

—Jermaine Hall

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July 13 to 16, 1999: SMPTE '99, Sydney, Australia

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