

ASC Calls for Entries in Annual TV Competition

The American Society of Cinematographers (ASC) has issued a call for entries in the organization's annual Outstanding Achievement Awards competition for two categories of narrative television programming: episodic programs, and

MOWs/pilots/miniseries.

The competition is open to all cinematographers whose narrative films were shown for the first time on U.S. television, cable, or satellite channels in 1999. Entries must be submitted by January 3, 2000. Winners will be announced at the 14th Annual Outstanding Achievement Awards banquet on February 20, 2000, at

the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

ASC established its annual Outstanding Achievement Awards competition in 1986 for the dual purposes of recognizing and inspiring outstanding artistry in narrative filmmaking. The competition is open to all cinematographers and there is no entry fee.

Obituaries

SMPTE Fellow, **John H. DeWitt, Jr.**, has passed away at age 93. DeWitt, who first became interested in radio in 1919, constructed the first broadcasting station in Nashville in 1922, and later assisted in the installation of the original equipment for radio station WSM. In 1929 he joined the technical staff of Bell Telephone Labs, where he was involved in the development of precise frequency control equipment for broadcast stations and other apparatus development. In 1932, he returned to Nashville to be the chief engineer of WSM, a 50-kW Clear Channel radio station. DeWitt held that position until 1942. During this time he also operated a consulting practice for approximately 50 other broadcasting stations.

In 1942, DeWitt rejoined BTL and worked exclusively on the design of radar equipment for military services. He became a consultant to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in Washington, DC, and later was commissioned Major AUS. He served as executive officer at Evans Signal Laboratory then director of the laboratory, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Legion of



John H. DeWitt, Jr.

Merit for the conception and development of a radar set that accurately located hostile mortars by their fire and directed counter mortar fire.

In 1946 he became the consultant to the Clear Channel Broadcasting Service, which provided interference-free, nationwide nighttime radio service to rural areas across the U.S. In 1947, he was named President of WSM, Inc., a position he held until his retirement in 1968.

During his career, DeWitt directed the design and installation of six hop microwave television systems linking Louisville KY, to Nashville, TN, bringing live programs to the areas; this occurred three years before AT&T could supply cable television service to Nashville.

DeWitt was the recipient of the NAB Engineering Achievement Award in 1964. He also authored a number of technical articles.

SMPTE Life Member, **Lloyd P. Morris**, died in June at age 93. Morris became a Life Member in 1974.

Ralph E. Schroer, a Life Member, passed away on July 28, 1999 at age 79. Schroer had been a member of SMPTE since 1957 and became a Life Member in 1985.

Paul V. Smith, a Life Member, has passed away at age 94. Smith had been an active member of the Society since 1951. He became a Life Member in 1980.

Calendar

SMPTE Activities

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—34th SMPTE Advanced Motion Imaging Conference, *February 3-5, 2000.*

PASADENA, CA—142nd Technical Conference & Exhibition, *October 18-21, 2000.*

JANUARY

2000 International CES, Las Vegas, NV. Info: 2500 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201; tel: (703) 907-7600; fax: (703) 907-7602; website: www.CESweb.org. *January 6-9, 2000.*

FEBRUARY

National Engineers Week, Washington, DC. Info: National Engineers Week Headquarters, 1420 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314; tel: (703) 684-2852; website: www.eweek.org. *February 20-26, 2000.*

APRIL

NAB2000, Las Vegas, NV. Info: (800) 342-2460; website: www.nab.org/conventions. *April 8-13, 2000.*

JULY

XIXth Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry, Amsterdam,

The Netherlands. Info: c/o ITC, Saskia Tempelman, P.O. Box 6, 7500 AA Enschede, The Netherlands; tel: +31 53 48 74 358; fax: +31 53 48 74 335; e-mail: isprs@itc.nl; website: www.itc.nl/~isprs. *July 16-23, 2000.*

SEPTEMBER

IBC2000, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: International Broadcasting Convention, Aldwych House, 81 Aldwych, London WC2B 4EL, UK; tel: +44 (0) 171 611 7500; fax: +44 (0) 171 611 7530; e-mail: show@ibc.org; website: www.ibc.org. *September 8-12, 2000.*