

News

Notice concerning trial publication and public comment on SMPTE Standards, Recommended Practices and Engineering Guidelines

SMPTE Standards, Recommended Practices and Engineering Guidelines are now published on the SMPTE World Wide Web site at <<http://www.smpte.org/stds/>> for trial publication and public review.

These proposal documents will continue to be published in the *SMPTE Journal* for information-only purposes.

This change is in accordance with the SMPTE Administrative Practices:

During the trial publication period of six weeks following the posting of the proposed document on the Society's World Wide Web site, the Society invites comment on the proposed document from the readership. Comments are submitted by the Director of Engineering to the Chair of the responsible Technology Committee with copies to the Chair of the Standards Committee and the appropriate Engineering Director. If, in their opinion, the comments require any technical change, the project is returned to the Technology Committee for further consideration.

If the comments are considered by the appropriate chairs and Engineering Director to be exclusively editorial, the Director of Engineering, in consultation with the Technology Committee Chair, makes the necessary editorial revisions. Commenters shall be promptly notified of the disposition of their comments and the justification for the actions by the Technology Committee Chair.

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SMPTE '99 Faces Industry's Digital Future Head-On

The SMPTE '99 conference, to be held in Sydney from July 13-19, 1999, is already reflecting the pending digital transition and Olympic commitments the Australian industry faces over the next two years.

"The Society's reputation and technical strength has once again come to the fore with the world's leading digital experts from institutional and industrial research and manufacturing, presenting an excellent compendium of papers," comments Papers Chair and Coordinator, Eric Hitchen.

In addition to technical presentation, there will also be some of the world's leading system integrators discussing the practical implementation of technology across the delivery media of terrestrial, satellite, cable, DVD, CD-ROM, as well as workshops and panel sessions on receiver and set-top technology and SOBO's Olympic coverage strategy.

The concurrent exhibition is proving popular with manufacturers and distributors. Over 90% of the stand space is pre-booked, and this constitutes even higher participation than the record-breaking SMPTE '97 show.

SMPTE Australia Section chairman, Gerry Brooks, is buoyed by the

overwhelming response to both the Call for Papers and the exhibition. "It reflects an underlying strength in the local industry that augers well for

Australian broadcasting in the new millennium."

For inquiries regarding the SMPTE Conference and Exhibition, please contact Expertise Events. Tel: +612 9977 0888, or e-mail: smp99@bigpond.com.

Panasonic Announces Appointment of New Group Manager

Panasonic Broadcast & Digital Systems Company (PBDC) have named Jeffrey Klitzner manager for nonlinear editing systems.

In his new position, Klitzner will direct all product development functions for Panasonic's line of NLE products. He will be based at PBDSC's new headquarters facility near the Universal City section of Los Angeles.



Erratum

Historical Equipment Collections, *Schuller*, December 1998 *Journal*. The section on the Museum of the City of San Francisco, p. 1119, contains an incorrect photo. The correct Fig. MCS 2 is shown below. The caption remains the same.



Fig. MCS 2. 1939 Art Deco Brenkert projector with RCA soundhead as shown at the 1939-40 San Francisco World's Fair.