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NAB '99 to be Held This Month—SMPTE to Participate

The 1999 NAB convention is almost here. It will be held in Las Vegas on April 17-22. All are invited to visit Booth 17013 to meet SMPTE officers and staff, interface with colleagues, and purchase SMPTE products and books. You are also invited, on April 17, to attend the SMPTE all-day seminar addressing issues and developments relating to the control and automation of a modern DTV station. The following is a list of the topics that will be addressed at the seminar sessions:

- Where are We Heading, What are the Issues?
- What does a Broadcast Station Really Need?
- Asset Management
- Listing Service, Traffic
- Automation Systems – An Integrated Solution?
- Control of Servers, Networks, Distribution, Monitoring
- Control of Encoders and Multiplexers, PSIPs, Closed Captioning, Datacasting, Metadata
- Update on Industry Standards

Session Chairs Selected for the 141st Technical Conference and Exhibit

The 141st SMPTE Technical Conference scheduled for November 19-22, 1999 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City will follow the theme "Sprockets, Samples, and Satellites: Moving Imaging into the Third Millennium." Birney Dayton, NVision, and Linda Young, Du Art Film Laboratories, will serve as program co-chairs.

The conference will feature two half-day seminars on Friday, November 19. "Intellectual Property Issues in a Digital World" will be chaired by *Dick Stumpf*, Universal Studios, and *Glen Reitmeier*, David Sarnoff Research Institute, and "Video 1080 by 1920/24P—A New Standard" will be chaired by *Gavin Shutz*, Four Media Co.

The technical presentations will follow, from November 20-22, and feature the following titles: "Film in the Digital World," chaired by *Tim Spitzer*, The Tape House Editorial Co., and *Domenic Rom*, Du Art Film Video; "Digital Post Production," chaired by *John Galt*, Panavision; "Displays for Theater and Home," chaired by *Loren Nielson* and *Matthew Cowan*, Entertainment Technology Consultants; "DTV Distribution and Delivery," chaired by *Edmund A. Williams*, PBS; "Format Conversions," chaired by *Shanon Skemp*, Comark Digital Services at Thomcast Communications; "Electronic Media Storage," chaired by *Al Kovalic*, Hewlett Packard; "Networking for Production," chaired by *Hugo Gaggioni*, Sony Corp.; "Audio Post Production for DTV," chaired by *Steve Davis*, Crawford Audio Services; "Non-Broadcast Digital Video," chaired by *Jay Adrick*, Harris Corp.;

and "Capture and Production of News for DTV," chaired by *Karen Mills*, White Light Video.

Deadline for papers and additional information may be found on p. 232. You may also check the website for new information.

SMPTE Special Book Offers

Some cost-saving books are still available from SMPTE. A specially priced 4-book set, discussing the standards for advanced television is being offered for \$180 to SMPTE members and \$235 to nonmembers. The titles are *SMPTE Standards for Advanced Television and High-Definition Production with Supplemental Standards Including Ancillary Data*, rev. 1998; *Implementing HDTV: Television and Film Application* (Tutorial); *Digital Image and Audio Communications* (Tutorial); and *A Compilation of ATSC Committee Standards*, rev. 1998.

SMPTE is also offering a special 3-book set for video imaging professionals at a saving of 20% off the cover price of the books. *Video Compression*; *DTV: The Revolution in Electronic Imaging 2nd Ed.*; and *Digital Television Fundamentals*, are being sold as a set for \$137 to members and \$155 to nonmembers. To order, contact Beverly Blakemore at Headquarters.

Reminders!

1999 Montreux Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition

The 21st symposium will be held on June 10-15, 1999 in Montreux, Switzerland, and will address issues concerning television's transition to an all-digital era. The Technical Exhibition will be held from June 11-15.

For information, contact P.O. Box 1451, Rue du Theatre 5, CH-1820 Montreux, tel: +41 21 963 32 20, fax: +41 21 963 88 51. For Exhibition information call +41 21 963 52 08, fax: +41 21 963 5209, e-mail: vanhoorn@symposia.ch. Session details are available on SMPTE website: www.smppte.org/montreux.html.

IBC99

The event will be held September 10-14, 1999 in Amsterdam. There is still a request for paper submissions. Although some topics are currently being considered (Digital Television and Radio; Production and Post-Production; Newsroom Technology; Contribution and Distribution; and Management), the actual theme and paper sessions will be chosen to follow the trends within the submitted papers, so offers on all subjects are welcome.

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