

to take advantage of datacasting made available in the ATSC A/90 standard. A/90 provides terrestrial broadcasters with the ability to transmit data utilizing opportunistic space in the 19.39-Mbit transport stream. Ludé provided a detailed description of iBlast's network, and a vision of how various business models might evolve. With over 200 stations on the air, iBlast has proven technology in operation.

Ludé described results from testing DTV propagation in "real-life" environments and discussed various emerging antenna designs. Indoor antenna designs have not evolved greatly during the analog era and still resemble the rabbit ears used during the "I Love Lucy" era.—Rome Chelsi, Section Chair

Sacramento September 26, 2001

The Sacramento Section held its September meeting at Fresh Aire Media in Auburn, CA, with 17 in attendance. Jeff Nelson, Dolby Laboratories, presented an informative technical narrative on Dolby Digital and Dolby E. He emphasized the fact that quite a bit of metadata needs to travel with the actual audio data—about 115 Kbytes worth. Dolby E was designed to carry this data, as well as enable at least ten encode/decode cycles without noticeable degradation.—Bill Carlquist, Secretary/Treasurer

Toronto October 9, 2001

Approximately 140 members gathered at the Velma Rogers Graham Theatre. The meeting, arranged by Chris Bell, Astral Television Networks Inc., and Roger Keay, Rogers Cable, was titled, "MPEG File Server for Pay-Per-View and Interactive Television Services."

Keay, the host, introduced the presentations: Chris Bell discussed MPEG file server for pay-per-view programming; Stephen Sacks, Terayon, talked about statistical multiplexing; Bruce Cowan, CITY-TV, gave an update on the CCTA audio level project; and Malcolm Stanley, Rogers Cable, presented a paper on interactive television services.—Randy Conrod, Secretary/Treasurer

Calendar

SMPTE Activities

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36th Advanced Motion Imaging Conference. *February 7-9, 2002.*

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144th Technical Conference & Exhibition. *October 23-26, 2002.*

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FEBRUARY 2002

National Engineers Week, Washington, DC. Info: National Engineers Week Headquarters, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; tel: (703) 684-2852; website: www.eweek.org.
February 17-23, 2002.

ITU Telecom Americas 2003, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Info: Piers Letcher, Press and Public Relations Officer, ITU Telecom; tel: +42 22 730 6602; fax: +41 22 730 6444; e-mail: piers.letcher@itu.int; website: www.itu.int/newsroom.
February 25-28, 2002.

MARCH 2002

VidTrans 2002 Conference, Orlando, FL. Info: Matt Peterson, Scenic Wonders, Inc.; tel: (608) 273-4803; e-mail: matt@swonders.com; website: www.videoservicesforum.org/vidtrans/.
March 3-6, 2002.

APRIL 2002

NAB2002, Las Vegas NV. Info: National Association of Broadcasters,

1771 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; tel: (202) 429-5300; fax: (202) 775-3520; website: www.nab.org/conventions/.
April 6-11, 2002.

Errata

In the October 2001 *Journal*, the front cover should read, SMPTE 356M D-10 Stream Specifications, SMPTE 360M General Exchange Format, SMPTE 365M D-10 Format.

The figure caption on p. 667 should read ISO/TC 36—Cinematography Committee at 17th Plenary Meeting in Chalon sur Saône, France, October 2000.

Honors and Awards recipients, November 2001 *Journal*. The photo of James A. Cashin on p.

776 is incorrect. The correct photo is shown here.

