

News

Fuji Announces New Recording Technology

Fuji Photo Film, U.S.A., Inc., announced a significant breakthrough in magnetic recording media technology that will exponentially increase the capacity of magnetic media. Nano Cubic technology is capable of catapulting data cartridge and digital videotape to one-terabyte native (uncompressed capacities), enough to store up to 200 two-hour movies. Nano Cubic will allow Fujifilm to continue the development of future high-capacity recording systems for the broadcast and entertainment industries while underscoring the long-term viability of tape as a recording medium.

Vela and InfoValue Team Up

Vela, a provider of video compression products for the cable and broadcast industries, announced a partnership with InfoValue Computing, Inc., a manufacturer of high-performance video streaming solutions. The strategic integration of InfoValue's Quick Video software applications with Vela's Argus encoder will enable IP streaming of MPEG-2 media for broadband and broadcast applications requiring reliable, high-quality content delivery. Applications include broadcast and corporate content delivery, B-to-B collaboration, video-on-demand, interactive TV, and communications.

"The integrated IP streaming solutions resulting from this partnership will lower product costs for customers, said Thomas Eng, product manager at InfoValue. "We feel that implementation of our software in conjunction with the Argus encoder is a natural response to the demand of businesses and organizations for a high-end solution to their content delivery needs."

Photokina Scheduled for September 2002

With a new occupancy structure, extended range of products, attractive youth center, plus a support and exhibition program, photokina Cologne, is repositioning itself in 2002 (September 25-30) with a forward-looking concept. "World of Imaging explains what photokina stands for," said KolnMesse Vice-President Bernd Aufderheide. "It represents the complete world of image technology, image applications, and image communication." For further information on this event, access the website: www.photokina.de; or e-mail Ulrike Hoberg: hoberg@koelnmess.de.

Call for Papers

The International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE), sponsored by the IEEE Consumer Electronics Society, has issued its annual call for technical papers. The conference will be held in Los Angeles, CA, from June 18-20, 2002, with tutorial sessions on June 16-17. The deadline for paper submissions for both oral and poster presentations is January 14, 2002. Topics include audio/video devices, digital cameras and camcorders, home networking, wireless communication and computing, PC-TV convergence, and mobile entertainment. Details and submission forms may be found at www.icce.org.

ARCHIVAL SEARCH

The Archival Papers and Historical Committee has as one of its missions "to encourage pioneers to place their work on record in the form of papers for publication in the *Journal*." The Committee is asking SMPTE members to help in identifying not only "pioneers," but also "old-timers" who have had a long range of experience in a specific technical field. Each person so identified will be contacted by the Committee to explore means by which they can share the historical aspects of their experience with SMPTE members. All presentations, in whatever form, will be placed in the SMPTE archives and possibly appear on the SMPTE web pages. For interviews, we'll try to enlist the SMPTE Section closest to the venue. Please refer your recommendations to Ed Schuller, Chair, by phone or fax at (516) 676-3895, or via e-mail to bt@mte.com.

OBITUARIES

Philip M. Cowett, Lt. Cdr. USN (ret.), a Life Fellow and charter member of the Washington, DC, Section, died July 27, 2001. An active participant in SMPE Conferences, he was the author and presenter of several papers on the 16mm projector and on the varying quality of 16mm prints under unusual conditions, at sea and on land. He was involved in the first installation of CinemaScope in the President's Theater in the White House. Both Cdr. Cowett and his wife Hedy received full military honors at their interments in Arlington National Cemetery.

SMPTE has recently learned of the death on February 18, 2001, of **Maurice M. Frink**, an Elkhart, IN engineer who joined the Society in 1974. Frink, who was president of the Frink Film Studio in Elkhart, was elevated to Life Membership last October 20.

Gordon L. Bone, a Life Member born in Huntsville, AL, on December 4, 1924, has died. After earning a B.S. degree at the University of Houston, he was employed at various times as laboratory manager for Color Inc. of Houston, and as a dye transfer journeyman at Photocolor of Houston.