

119th SMPTE Technical Conference

16–21 October 1977, Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles

Initial Program Plans

Plans for the 119th SMPTE Technical Conference and Equipment Exhibit are now well underway, according to **Robert G. Buckley** of Technicolor, Inc., the Program Chairman.

Some of the sessions to be held during the full week will discuss new equipment and processes with the latest in motion-picture and television equipment and their uses. One full day will be devoted to the popular and necessary subject of Laboratory Practices, again with motion picture and television having separate sessions.

Sound for the two disciplines is another session planned for a full day.

Exciting sessions also being worked on are Ecology as associated with laboratories, unorthodox imaging systems, post-production, electronic post-production, a special educational program, a proposed visit to the new facilities at the USC's Dept. of Cinema and a hands-on demonstration.

Robert Buckley is being ably assisted in the initial planning stages of the program by **John Lakotas**, Eastman Kodak Co., Co-chairman for Motion Pictures; **Charles E. Anderson** Ampex Corp., Co-chairman for

Television; and **Julian D. Hopkinson**, Agfa-Gevaert Inc. Topic Chairmen and more explicit information on sessions planned will be announced in the April issue of the *Journal*.

Call for Papers

Those interested in presenting papers at the Los Angeles Conference are invited to submit their materials for consideration. The procedure for submission of papers is as follows. Write to or call:

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Motion Picture Co-Chairman: John C. Lakotas, Eastman Kodak Co., 6706 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90038 (213) 464-6131

Television Co-Chairman: Charles E. Anderson, Ampex Corp., 401 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 (415) 367-2240

Conference Programs Secretary: Lynne Robinson, SMPTE Headquarters, 862 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583 (914) 472-6606

Standards & Recommended Practices

Approved SMPTE Recommended Practices

On 8 July 1976, the Society's Board of Governors approved two SMPTE Recommended Practices: RP 67-1976, Specifications for Buzz-Track Test Film for 16-mm Motion-Picture Sound Reproducers, Photographic-Type; and RP 68-1976, Specifications for Buzz-Track Test Film for 35-mm Motion-Picture Sound Reproducers, Photographic-Type. As transformations of the American National Standards that specified the test films, PH22.57-1963 and PH22.68-1962, which are being withdrawn, the recommended practices do not reflect any technical changes.

Copies of these and other SMPTE Recommended Practices may be purchased from Society Headquarters at \$1.00 per copy.

Draft American National Standard

Draft American National Standard C98.1, Dimensions of 2-Inch Video Magnetic Recording Tape, is published here for a trial period and public review. It should be noted that this revision reflects a tightening of tolerances and should be reviewed by anyone concerned with 2-inch magnetic video tape.

Comments on the proposal should be addressed to Alex E. Alden, Manager of Engineering Services, at Society Headquarters prior to 1 May 1977. All comments received through *Journal* publication will be reviewed before conclusion of action by American National Standards Committee C98.

Withdrawal of American National Standards

On 10 December 1976, the American National Standards Institute approved the withdrawal of four American National Standards: PH22.128-1962 (R1969), Specifications for 8-mm Flutter Test Film, Perforated 1R-1500, Magnetic Type; PH22.129-1962 (R1969), Specifications for 8-mm Azimuth Test Film, Perforated 1R-1500, Magnetic Type; PH22.130-1962 (R1969), Specifications for 8-mm 400-Cycle Signal Level Test Film, Perforated 1R-1500, Magnetic Type; and PH22.131-1962 (R1969), Specifications for 8-mm Multifrequency Test Film, Perforated 1R-1500, Magnetic Type.

The standards have been withdrawn because there appears to be no need for the documents, inasmuch as test films were never developed in accordance with the specifications nor is there an indication that any are planned.

Approved International Standard

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) recently approved an International Standard, the technical content of which is published here. ISO 3641-1976, Cinematography — Motion-Picture Camera Cartridge, 8-mm Type S Model II — Cartridge Fit and Take-Up Core Drive — Dimensions and Specifications, is in complete agreement with American National Standard PH22.190-1976. Copies of International Standards are sold through the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. — Alex E. Alden, *Manager of Engineering Services*.