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120th SMPTE Technical Conference and Equipment Exhibit 29 October—2 November 1978, Americana Hotel, New York City

SMPTE Editorial Vice-President **K. Blair Benson** announced the appointment of **John Zeman**, Eastman Kodak Co., as Program Chairman of the 120th Conference. Mr. Zeman has chosen **Edward J. Messina**, ABC Television to be his Associate Chairman for all film topics; **C. Robert Fine**, Fine Communications, and **L. Merle Thomas**, Public Broadcasting Service, will be Associate Chairmen for all topics in the video area. The theme of the 120th Technical Program will be Imagery — Today/Tomorrow. Topics to be included under this theme will be:

Electronic Editing

Audio in Post Production

Stereo Sound in Video Broadcasting and Theatrical Applications

Production Techniques

Special Effects in Film and Video

Video Processing

Film Laboratory Practices

State of the Art in Transferring Film-to-Tape and Tape-to-Film

Status Reports on Standards

Chairmen for the above topics will be announced in a future issue of the *Journal*.

Call for Papers

Those interested in presenting papers at the New York Conference are invited to submit their manuscripts for consideration. The procedure for submission of papers is as follows. Write to Program Chairman Zeman, either of the Associate Chairmen, or the Conference Programs Secretary (Lynne Robinson) at SMPTE Headquarters, 862 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583, or call (914) 472-6606 for the

necessary forms. The appropriate forms and information will be sent out immediately.

The required forms, plus a 500-700 word synopsis of each paper, are due at Headquarters by 1 June. Before 14 August, the original manuscript must be sent to Headquarters. Authors will be notified of how their papers fit into the program after evaluation by the Program Chairman.

Arrangements

Irwin W. Young, DuArt Film Laboratories Inc., has been appointed Local Arrangements Chairman by SMPTE Conference Vice-President Harry Teitelbaum.

Additional appointments will be announced in the March *Journal*.

Standards & Recommended Practices

Draft American National Standards and Proposed SMPTE Recommended Practices

Three Draft American National Standards and two accompanying Proposed SMPTE Recommended Practices specifying the Type B helical-scan magnetic video tape systems are published here for public review and comment. Developed by a working group on segmented helical-scan systems, under the chairmanship of L. M. Thomas, the proposals specify the format introduced as BCN by Bosch Fernseh: C98.15, Basic System Parameters for One-Inch Type B Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording; C98.16, Dimensions and Location of Records for One-Inch Type B Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording; and C98.17, Frequency Response and Operating Level of Recorders and Reproducers for Audio Records for One-Inch Type B Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording; and RP 83, Specifications of Tracking Control Record for One-Inch Type B Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording; and RP 84, Video Reference Carrier Frequencies and Pre-Emphasis Characteristics for One-Inch Type B Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording.

Proposed SMPTE Engineering Committee Recommendation

The first SMPTE Proposed Engineering Committee Recommendation is published here for a trial period: ECR 1, Alignment Color Bar Test Signal for Television Picture Monitors.

The development of an SMPTE Engineering Committee Recommendation incorporates engineering consensus on a dimension or practice intended to guide future design. The document is developed in the same manner as national standards and recommended practices and, if found acceptable, may be transformed into one of the other two categories.

Comments on the proposals should be addressed to Alex E. Alden at Society Headquarters prior to 1 April 1978. The draft standards have been submitted to American National Standards Committee C98. All comments received through *Journal* publication will be reviewed before conclusion of action by that committee. If no adverse criticism is received, the proposed practices and recommendation will be submitted to the Society's Board of Governors for approval. — Alex E. Alden, *Manager of Engineering Services*.