

News

The SMPTE Working Group on Studio Video Standards is preparing a draft SMPTE standard for a serial interface to carry component and $4f_{sc}$ composite digital signals over coaxial cable. According to Working Group Chairman Peter D. Symes, a number of manufacturers are already preparing products based on preliminary information about this proposed standard.

The Working Group wishes to conduct private system tests of the proposed standard, simulating the conditions that are likely to be encountered in real television environments. The tests are expected to be conducted this coming December. Any party wishing to offer equipment, or prototype equipment, to assist in evaluating the proposed standard should contact Chairman Symes as soon as possible.

Further discussion of the proposed standard will take place at the Working Group's next meeting, which will be held October 18 and 19, 1990, at the Empire Room of the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Peter D.

Symes, Chairman, WGSVS, c/o Grass Valley Group, P.O. Box 1114, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

A Call for Papers has been issued by the 4th International Workshop on HDTV, which will be held February 27 to March 1, 1991, in Turin, Italy. Two-page abstracts and a description of the paper should be forwarded to Dr. Jules Bellisio, Bell Communications Research, 331 Newman Springs Rd., P.O. Box 7040, Red Bank, NJ 07701 or Dr. Dimitris Anastassiou, Columbia University, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Mudd Bldg., 500 W. 120th St., Room 312, New York, NY 10027. Revised abstracts of accepted papers are due on January 15, 1991.

The objective of the workshop is to provide a forum for discussions on new technologies and applications for HDTV, three-dimensional television, and other advanced television issues.

SPIE — The International Society for Optical Engineering has announced a Call for Papers for conferences on Standards for Electronic Imaging Systems (Critical Re-

views) and Human Vision, Visual Processing, and Digital Display. The conferences will take place during the SPIE/SPSE Symposium on Electronic Imaging Science & Technology, February 24 to March 1, 1991, at the San Jose Convention Center, San Jose, Calif. Papers are invited in the following and related areas: models of human visual processing, psychophysical assessment of image quality, the perception of quantization effects, vision-based algorithms for image processing, vision-based algorithms for computer graphics and image synthesis, and higher-level visual processes. The event will consist of seven technical conferences, educational short courses, and an exhibition. For more information, contact SPIE, P.O. Box 10, Bellingham, WA 98227-0010.

The 2nd Annual Magnetic and Optical Media Symposium will take place November 5 to 7, 1990, at the Scottsdale Princess Hotel, Scottsdale, Ariz. The international event will cover the full scope of technological progress in magnetic and optical media, and concern itself with the very latest in state-of-the-art information on



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Peter Dare has been appointed to the newly created position of vice-president, technology, business and professional group, Sony Corp. of America. He joined the company eight years ago, and most recently served as vice-president, product management, Sony Communication Products Co. According to Mark Gray, president, sales and marketing company, business and professional group, "Vice-president of technology is an important new position we've created to reflect Sony's commitment to being an innovator of new technologies and to growing new applications for products and systems within the various marketplaces served by the company's business and professional group. We're fortunate to have someone with Peter Dare's abilities to lead this effort."



Errata

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Re: SMPTE Members Receive BKSTS Citations

Page 684, first column: John Barry was identified as SMPTE Chairman of the Australian Section and Governor-at-Large for the Australian and South Pacific basin area. He is actually the Past Chairman of the Australian Section and was formerly a Governor-at-Large. Barry, founder of John Barry Group, now serves the industry as a television consultant. Also, Murray Forrest, who is a Former International Governor, was identified as a current International Governor.

Re: News — Ediflex Systems Acquisition

Page 685, second column: Adrian Ettlinger, senior technical consultant, was inadvertently omitted from the list of key pre-existing management that will continue with the company.