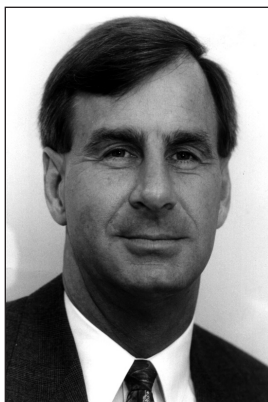


Message from the Executive Director

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Before you get to the second paragraph of this message, pull out your date book, get your PDA, grab a sticky-pad, and mark down this year's SMPTE Technical Conference and Exhibition, New York City, November 9-12, 2005.

Did you write it down? Wonderful, thanks! I don't want you to miss out on any part of this four-day event. Since its inception decades ago, the SMPTE Technical Conference and Exhibition has been disseminating information, teaching the latest techniques, and informing professionals like you about the newest technologies and sciences in motion imaging.

I'd hate for you to miss the line-up of topical sessions, cleverly planned under the programming guidance of renowned technology expert Larry Thorpe and SMPTE Editorial Vice-President Peter Ludé. Along with our carefully selected list of expert session chairs, they are planning a top-notch conference, focusing on the latest developments affecting high-definition, broadcasting, compression, and networking, and a host of other hot topics to bring you up-to-date on the latest innovations in motion imaging. They're lining up an impressive list of chairs, speakers, panelists, and more, to give you the information you need to stay informed, stay current, and stay ahead.

Another thing I wouldn't want you to miss is the SMPTE Exhibition, with an exhibit hall packed with companies big and small, demonstrating the newest innovations to hit the industry. More than just products and services, ideas are brought together at the SMPTE Exhibition. So come, pick the brains of our exhibitors, ask them questions, and see their wares.

I also don't want you to miss the special events planned for the conference, like the opening night Welcome Bash, which will give you the opportunity to mix, mingle, and have fun in the Exhibition Hall, offering you greater exposure to the latest technology show exhibitors have to offer. There's also the Industry Luncheon, with our special guest speaker, a mover and shaker in the industry. The annual Honors and Awards Reception is certainly not to be missed; and for those who've been elevated to SMPTE fellowship, the Fellows Luncheon should also be penciled into your itinerary. This way, you'll be kept busy in the session rooms, exhibit hall, and at our special events.

For more information on the conference and the exhibition, or better yet, to register for both, see the conference pullout in the middle of this issue. If you're a SMPTE Member, you'll get the member discount; and registering early also gets you the Early Bird Discount. So, if you're a regular attendee to the SMPTE Technical Conference and Exhibition, I look forward to seeing you again, and if you haven't been to a SMPTE Conference in a while, come to this one; you'll be glad you did!