



20th Plenary of ISO TC 36 Meet in Seoul, Korea

The 20th Plenary of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) TC 36 "Cinematography" met on May 19-22, 2008, in Seoul, Korea. Attendees included more than 45 representatives from nine National Committees; Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Russia, the U.K., and the U.S.

TC 36 Cinematography addresses standardization in four existing working groups that relate to production, laboratory, motion picture distribution, film, audio, and presentation technology. The Committee has produced 96 documents in film technology.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has designated SMPTE as the Secretariat of TC 36, a position held for many years. Mark Hyman, as Secretariat presided over the meetings, which included the individual working groups and opening and closing Plenary.

Digital cinema emerging technology was the main topic of discussion. The first 12 digital cinema documents created by SMPTE have been balloted and are being prepared for publication as ISO documents. Eleven new SMPTE digital cinema documents were presented for discussion at the meetings and will be balloted to National Committees within the next several weeks. Areas of digital cinema being addressed in standardization



Attendees gather for a group photo.

include mastering, distribution, and presentation.

The Korean Agency for Technology and Science (KATS) and Korean Film Council (KOFIC) hosted the event. Organization and hospitality were excellent, and the visit included a tour of the KOFIC film facilities in Seoul.—*Mark S. Hyman, Secretariat ISO TC36*

SMPTE Receives 25-Year Plaque at ATSC Awards Luncheon

Below: The Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) held its 25th Anniversary meeting and awards luncheon on May 8, 2008, at the Pentagon City Ritz-Carlton in Arlington, VA. SMPTE was among 16 organizations that were honored as 25-year participating members of ATSC. The other recipients were ABC, CBS, CEA, IEEE, MSTV, NAB, NBC, NCTA, Panasonic, Philips, Sarnoff, Sony, Tektronix, Thomson and Zenith.



Above: SMPTE Engineering Vice President Wendy Aylsworth receives the plaque on behalf of SMPTE, from ATSC Chair Glenn Reitmeier.

