Computer Challenges

ASEE headquarters recently upgraded its Cold Fusion software, which underlies much of ASEE's web presence. This has caused a number of interaction problems. If you have had difficulty navigating ASEE's web site, please accept our apologies. ASEE's MIS department has been working nonstop to resolve these problems.

2003 ASEE Annual Conference

This year the American Society for Engineering Education will host the 2003 Annual Conference & Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee from June 22-25, at the Nashville Convention Center. The meeting will bring together deans and faculty members, industry and government representatives, and other leaders in the field of engineering education, and it will provide engineering educators and suppliers from around the globe with the opportunity to exchange ideas and to network with peers and others dedicated to furthering engineering education. The annual conference will offer 1300 paper presentations and an expo with over 100 exhibiting companies. Right now, registration for ASEE members is only $352. The Early Registration period for the ASEE 2003 Annual Conference and 2003 International Colloquium has been extended to March 17, 5 p.m. EST. After this, the rate goes to $407, and after June 13, it jumps to $440. Why not save and register now? For more information and to register online, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2003/.

ASEE/WFEO International Colloquium

ASEE will hold the second ASEE Global Conference on Engineering Education in conjunction with the 6th Congress of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations on June 20-23, 2003 just prior to the ASEE Annual Conference in Nashville. Topics to be addressed at the colloquium include: Continuing Education & Its Delivery, International Recognition of Qualifications, and Developments in Teaching & Learning. To register for this year's meeting online, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/international2003/. This meeting overlaps with ASEE's Annual Conference and Exposition and timing offers a great chance to attend both meetings; there is a discounted registration fee if you attend both.

March Prism

Watch for this issue of the magazine. It is full of interesting articles, and also contains the 2003 Annual Conference Advance Program. If you enjoy Prism's article, "The Sky's the Limit" about the competition to design the Joint Strike Fighter plane, you may want to read a related background story, "Behind the Scenes: the X file," on the PBS web site: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/xplanes/producer.html.

Vote in ASEE National Election

If you have not done so, please be sure to vote in the 2003 ASEE National Election. Ballots were enclosed in February's Prism Magazine. Your ballot must be returned to headquarters by March 31 (that's in two weeks), and your ballot envelope must be signed in the designated area in order to have your vote counted.

ASEE/IACEE Update

ASEE is the headquarters for the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE), and IACEE members are sent an electronic newsletter tailored to continuing education interests. Past issues can be seen at: http://www.iacee.org/publications.htm. IACEE's major conference is the World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education, which is held every three years. The 9th World Conference will be in Tokyo, Japan, May 16-19, 2004, co-hosted by the Japanese Society for Engineering Education (JSEE) and Nihon University.

AAAS Analysis of R&D

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has released its analysis of funding for research and development in the final FY 2003 budget, signed by President Bush on February 20. The analysis includes highlights of R&D in the major R&D funding agencies and budget trends. The final budget included record high funding for R&D at a total of $117.1 billion, which is a 13.8% increase over FY 2002 levels. See: http://www.aaas.org/spp/rd/caprev03.pdf.
URI INTERNATIONAL MEETING

The University of Rhode Island will hold the Sixth Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island, October 23-26, 2003. Designed for engineering and language faculty and administrators, international program leaders, and members of both the public and private sectors, the colloquium will address many of the issues associated with preparing engineers for the global workplace. See: http://www.uri.edu/iep/colloquia/2003/index.html.

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