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DEKA RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ALBUQUERQUE

Dean Kamen, President, of DEKA Research and Development Corporation, and Founder of US FIRST, will be the main plenary speaker at the ASEE 2001 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Kamen is an inventor, entrepreneur and tireless advocate for science and technology. His roles as inventor and advocate are intertwined -- his passion for technology has driven his determination to spread the word about technology's virtues and by so doing to change the culture of the United States. He holds more than 150 U.S. and foreign patents, many for innovative medical devices that have furthered the frontiers of health care worldwide. A decade ago Kamen founded US FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), which uses wholesale marketing and media techniques to motivate the next generation to learn about science and technology. Kamen was recently named a 2000 National Medal of Technology Laureate. He and other Laureates were honored at a dinner held by the National Science & Technology Medals Foundation in Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS

Last month, the Annual Conference Program Committee met at ASEE headquarters. Participants included: Wally Fowler, ASEE President; John Weese, Immediate Past President; Tim Skvarenina, Vice President, Professional Interest Councils, and Chair, Professional Interest Council III; Sherra Kerns, Chair, Professional Interest Council I; Jack Grubbs, Chair, Professional Interest Council II; Bill McMahan, Chair, Professional Interest Council V; and ASEE staff, Conferences Director Steve Duty and Technical Program Manager Mike Dingman. The Committee developed an excellent program for the 2001 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, June 24-27, that accommodated as many requests for sessions as possible. It appears another banner year as far as the number of abstracts submitted (2100!), technical sessions and workshops scheduled, and mini-plenaries requested. Many thanks go to ASEE’s program committee volunteers, who dealt with a record number of requests in equally record time.

ASEE/SEFI MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 2001 IN BERLIN

Next fall, ASEE will hold a colloquium sponsored jointly with the European Association for Engineering Education (SEFI) that will focus on entrepreneurship, national accreditation, global practices, and technology in learning systems. This exciting international meeting will be held in September 2001 in Europe’s glittering new capital - Berlin, where a select group from academia and industry will address participants on topics of international and current interest to the global engineering education community. ASEE will call for papers early next year, and updates will appear in ASEE Action. Information will also be posted regularly to the ASEE web site at http://www.asee.org.

CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Think about making nominations for ASEE’s awards program and encourage your colleagues and constituents to do the same. As you know, ASEE will present these fine awards at the Annual Conference in Albuquerque, in June. For an update on awards information, go to http://www.asee.org/awards. The deadline for awards nominations is January 15, 2001. Fellow Member Nominations are also being accepted at this time, and that deadline is February 1, 2001. For a quick summary of new national and division awards, and discontinued awards, see the November ASEE Action at http://www.asee.org/welcome/action/nov2000.cfm. If you have questions, contact Bey at Email: s.wingatebey@asee.org or Tel: 202-331-3550.
UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES

Another reminder that two important fellowship deadlines are approaching in January. The deadline for the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Summer Faculty Research Program is January 15, 2001. See http://www.asee.org/summer for details. The deadline for the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Program is January 17, 2001. See http://www.asee.org/ndseg for details.

EUROPEAN PROJECT SEMESTER (EPS)

Your students may be interested in EPS - 2001 which is a program designed to allow a semester of study in Denmark. Students in the third year of an engineering degree may be eligible for EPS. There are no tuition fees, but students must cover their living expenses while studying in Denmark. The course would be held at the Engineering College of Copenhagen, and the next semester course is February 14-June 16. For more information, go to: http://www.ihk.dk and click on Studies. You may also contact Arvid Andersen, Associate Professor, and EPS Coordinator, at Email: jar@cpn.lh.dk, Tel: +45 44 97 80 88, FAX: +45 44 66 48 62.

Wishing all ASEE Members A Happy Holiday Season.
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