GOOD NEWS FOR ASEE!

On the first of June of this year, ASEE submitted a five year $12 million proposal to NSF to administer their Graduate Research Fellowship Program. We have just received the exciting news that ASEE has won this award. ASEE was one of two finalists for this important award, with the incumbent Oak Ridge being the other finalist. The award is substantial and will provide ASEE with administrative fees and overhead recovery that can help to enhance services for ASEE members. Some details of the program are as follows:

The Directorate for Education and Human Resources of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is responsible for initiating and supporting programs to strengthen science education in the United States at all educational levels. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program is comprised of the Graduate Research Fellowships, with additional awards for Women in Engineering and Women in Computer and Information Science. The goal of the program is to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. These fellowships are offered to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced education and research in science, mathematics, or engineering. Fellowships are awarded through a national competition to U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents who are at or near the beginning of their graduate studies.

In administering this program, ASEE is to provide services for the operation of the Graduate Research Fellowship competition and the Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science components of the competition. ASEE will be responsible for the conduct of all programmatic activities from the beginning of the annual cycle through evaluation of applications and award notifications. Main task areas will include developing program materials; conducting program publicity; processing application materials; conducting evaluations of the applications; and delivering the results of application evaluations.

CALL FOR ASEE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for awards to be presented at the 2004 ASEE Awards Banquet at the Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, June 20-23, 2004. Go to: http://asee.org/awards to see a list of awards that are being offered for 2004, along with the online award nomination forms and other information. Plan to nominate one or more of your deserving colleagues for an award. The deadline for submitting award nominations is January 15, 2004. The deadline for submitting Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2004.

2004 NASA FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The NASA Faculty Fellowship Program (NFFP) offers 10-week summer research residencies at participating NASA research centers for full-time science and engineering faculty at U.S. colleges and universities. Please note that the application deadline is February 2, 2004, and that only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply. For more information, go to: http://www.asee.org/nffp.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF JEE PLANNED

Jack Lohmann, Editor of the Journal of Engineering Education, and Jean Michel, Editor of the European Journal of Engineering Education (EJEE), published by Société Européene pour la Formation des Ingénieurs (SEFI), are planning to publish jointly a special issue on the “Globalization of Engineering Education.” The Guest Editors are Dr. Alfredo Soeiro, Universidade do Porto (for EJEE) and Dr. Lester Gerherdt, RPI (for JEE). Plans are to publish the special issue as the second issue of JEE's respective 2005 volumes. This will be the second special issue for JEE (the first scheduled for January 2005 will focus on the state of the art in research in engineering education). This represents another important collaboration between SEFI and ASEE to raise the visibility and importance of the internationalization of engineering education.

CIEC MEETING

The 2004 Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) will be held on the Gulf Coast at the Grand Biloxi Bayview Hotel and Conference Center, in Biloxi, Mississippi, February 3-6, 2004. This year's theme is "Preparing Engineering Leaders for 2020," and the Wednesday morning plenary will address "Managing Change: Understanding the Demographics of the Evolving Engineering Workforce." Workshops and sessions are designed to meet the needs of all those involved in engineering education and a complete program is now available at: http://www.asee.org/conferences/ciec2004. The deadline for the Early Bird Discount is soon - this Friday, December 19. If you're planning to attend, you can save $35 by beating this upcoming deadline.
"ENGINEERING GO FOR IT" EXPANDS REACH

In looking for a higher public profile for Engineering Go For It, ASEE has pushed the topic of engineering workforce development as a story for the media. There have been interviews with radio stations in Washington, Miami, and recently with WCBS in New York City. Also, a grant from the Samueli Foundation will fund the distribution of 6,000 copies to minority and female high school students, and sales are continuing through the Internet at http://www.engineering-goforit.com.

DATA COLLECTION ON SCHEDULE

Data collection for the 2003 Survey of Engineering and Engineering Technology Colleges is scheduled to conclude on December 31st. ASEE is working with the EDC Data Collection Committee, the Engineering Research Council and US News & World Report to ensure that schools are aware of the research guidelines and that adherence is uniform. Preliminary data will be published online for review in January.

WHO'S VISITING ASEE'S WEB SITE

According to a Web Trends Summary Report, many visitors to ASEE's web site, come from abroad. For example, in the month of October, out of the top 20 cities, eight are non-U.S. cities. These include Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mexico City, Mexico; Montevideo, Uruguay; London, UK; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Madrid, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; and Toronto, Canada. The four top cities were Sao Paulo, Brazil (1,638 visits); Santa Clara, CA (1,020); San Jose, CA (871); and Mexico City, Mexico (651).

IACEE MEETING IN TOKYO

The International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) will be holding the 9th World Conference for Continuing Engineering Education in Tokyo, Japan, from May 16 to May 19, 2004. The conference will be organized by the College of Science and Technology, Nihon University and the Japanese Society for Engineering Education, JSEE, in association with IACEE.

The concept of Continuing Engineering Education (CEE) includes initial professional development (IPD) and continuing professional development (CPD). This conference has been recognized as one of the most appropriate occasions to confer with specialists in CEE from all over the world. It is expected that this conference will offer many opportunities for those who wish to study ideas and measures for the most suitable programs for CEE. The program will include professional visits in Tokyo and its vicinity. Pre and post conference tours will include a visit to the scenic view of Mt. Fuji.

For more information, please see: http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jssee, or contact: Japanese Society for Engineering Education, c/o Mita Aruso Building, 5-21 Mita 3-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-0073 JAPAN, Telephone: +81 3 5442 1021, Fax: +81 3 5442 0241, E-mail: jssee@mxk.mesh.ne.jp.

Wishing all a happy and peaceful New Year.

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