JANUARY 15 IS DEADLINE FOR ASEE AWARD NOMINATIONS

ASEE is accepting nominations for awards to be presented at the 2008 ASEE Awards Banquet, which will be held during the Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, June 22-25, 2008. Awards offered, nomination requirements, and online award nomination forms are available on the web at: asee.org/activities/awards. Please consider nominating one or more deserving colleagues for an award. The deadline for submitting award nominations is January 15, 2008. The deadline for submitting Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2008. For questions regarding awards, please contact Bey at 202-331-3550, or email: s.wingatebey@asee.org.

BERGER ESTATE AWARDS TAU ALPHA PI $18K

Tau Alpha Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, has received over $18,000 from the Frederick Berger estate. Dr. Berger, who died September 1, 2007 was the founding executive director of Tau Alpha Pi and during his lifetime was dedicated to establishing TAP chapters throughout the country. He established the ASEE Frederick J. Berger Award in 1990 to recognize excellence in engineering technology education.

IFEES FORMS GLOBAL ENGINEERING DEANS COUNCIL

IF EES has spearheaded the formation of a Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC), which will hold its first meeting in Paris, France in May 2008. This initiative will further the spirit of global collaboration that the Federation promotes. Also, the Indo-US Collaborative for Engineering Education, an IFEES-supported initiative that gained traction last year, will hold a month-long Summer Leadership Summit on the Infosys campus in Mysore, India, May-July 2008. IFEES is the Secretariat of the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) and will hold its 11th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education on the Georgia Tech campus in Atlanta from May 20-23, 2008. Go to: http://www.wccee2008.gatech.edu/ for details.

IFEES SUMMIT IN CAPE TOWN

ASEE's International Department, in its capacity as Secretariat of the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES), is organizing a group of global engineering education stakeholders to plan the second annual IFEES Summit, which will take place on October 19, 2008 in Cape Town, South Africa. Collocated and interconnected with the 2008 Global Colloquium, the IFEES Summit is hosted by Cape Town University and is affiliated with the African Engineering Education Association. Both the Global Colloquium and the IFEES Summit will see significant attendance from engineering faculty, students, industry, and representation from the World Bank, with whom ASEE has developed a strong partnership, culminating in a Memorandum of Understanding this last year. Contact h.hoyer@asee.org for details.

ERROR IN DECEMBER PRISM

The section on ASEE candidates in the December issue of PRISM contained an incorrect photo of Jessica O. Matson, a nominee for the office of Chair, Professional Interest Council I. The correct photo was subsequently sent by email to the ASEE membership, along with her biographical sketch. The issue of Prism on ASEE's website is correct. The editors of PRISM have expressed regret for the error and have extended apologies to Professor Matson.

UMR CHANGES NAME

The University of Missouri at Rolla will change its name on January 1, 2008, and become the Missouri University of Science and Technology. UMR Chancellor John F. Carney III had suggested the university community explore the idea of a name change to better define its standing as a technological research university. A new logo has been designed and guidelines are being developed for its usage, including the application of the school colors (silver and gold) and a third color (green), which is associated with the school because of its annual celebration of St. Patrick, which the university has dubbed as the “patron saint of engineers.”

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASEE administers a number of federal programs that offer fellowship opportunities, including the following:

Undergraduate/Graduate

NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program
The purpose is to meet the continuing needs of the nation's aeronautics and space effort by increasing the number of highly trained scientists and engineers in aeronautics and related disciplines. Scholarships awarded include competitive stipend payments anticipated amount for undergrad up to $15,000 and up to $35,000 for graduate. There is an option to attend a summer internship (up to $10,000 per summer) at a participating NASA Research Center. The undergraduate program is open to U.S. citizens, and applicants should have completed their sophomore year of college by fall of 2008, and should be in good standing at an accredited college or university. The graduate program is open to U.S. citizens, the applicants should be accepted or enrolled in an accredited program, and remain in good academic standing at their respected college or university. Website opened mid-December and online application will be open in early January, 2008. For more information, contact nasa.asp@asee.org Go to: http://www.asee.org/nasaasp.

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG)

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG). The fellowship program is sponsored by the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program. This program is intended for U.S. citizens or at or near the beginning of their doctoral studies in science or engineering programs. The fellowships are for three year tenures and include full tuition and fees, a competitive stipend, and a health insurance allowance. The application deadline is January 7, 2008. Go to: http://www.asee.org/ndseg for applications and detailed program information.

The Naval Research Enterprise Intern Program (NREIP)

The Naval Research Enterprise Intern Program (NREIP). The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is now administering NREIP, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). NREIP is a ten week summer research opportunity for undergraduate Juniors & Seniors, and Graduate students, under the guidance of a mentor, at a participating Navy Laboratory. The stipend amounts for the program are $5,500 for undergraduate students and $6,500 for graduate students. U.S. citizenship required; Permanent residents accepted at certain labs. The application is currently open and must be completed by January 14, 2008. Go to: http://www.asee.org/nreip.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

This program is open to US citizens and legal permanent residents and offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. This program offers one to three year postdoctoral fellowships designed to increase the involvement of scientists and engineers from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Navy. This program has a rolling admission. Go to: http://www.asee.org/nrl.

High School

The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP).

The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is now administering SEAP, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). SEAP is an eight week summer research opportunity at participating ONR laboratories for high school student who have completed at least grade 9, must be 16 years of age for most Laboratories, and a U.S. citizen. A graduating Senior is eligible to apply. The stipend for the summer program is $1,500 for new students; $1,550 for returning students. The application is currently open and must be completed by January 28, 2008. Go to http://www.asee.org/seap.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ASEE follows the holiday schedule of the Federal Government and ASEE headquarter offices will close for the Christmas holidays December 24 - 25, 2007. For New Year’s, ASEE offices will be closed, Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

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