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ASEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

ASEE's Annual Conference will be held next week, June 18-21, 2000. This year’s theme is “Engineering Education Beyond the Millennium,” and Dr. Robert Waterston, Washington School of Medicine; and Dr. Paul C. Lauterbur, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, are the keynote speakers at the main plenary. The 2000 ASEE National and Society Award winners will be honored at Wednesday's Awards Banquet, and a new award sponsored by Agilent Technologies will be announced. The current ASEE Board of Directors will be honored, and the incoming Board will be introduced. More than 85 companies will be exhibiting at the Conference Exposition, and the National Science Foundation Project Showcase returns for the sixth year. ASEE members and their families should plan to attend this annual ASEE event.

2000 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS ONLINE .

Proceedings from the 2000 Annual Conference have already been posted on the ASEE web site as part of the searchable database at: http://www.asee.org/conferences/search

PHARMACIA TO SPONSOR ASEE AWARDS BANQUET RECEPTION.

Pharmacia, formerly Monsanto, has agreed to sponsor the Wednesday night Awards Banquet Reception in St. Louis. This sponsorship was gained through the good efforts of ASEE President, John Weese.

ASEE/ABET GRID MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN ST. LOUIS .

ASEE’s top elected officers -- John Weese, president; Wallace Fowler, president-elect; Ernest Smerdon, immediate past president; Gerald Jakubowski, 2000-2001 president-elect -- and Frank Huband, executive director, will meet with ABET president, Lee Saperstein, and ABET executive director, George Peterson, at an ASEE/ABET Grid meeting at the ASEE Annual Conference. ABET has indicated interest in establishing a dialogue on future needs for engineering education – beyond distance education and information technology.

PRISM WINS TWO ED PRESS AWARDS .

ASEE Prism Magazine has won two awards given by the Educational Press Association of America (EdPress). The November 1999 issue of Prism, which featured the new economy on its cover, took the prestigious award for the best designed educational magazine. In that same issue, the article “Engineers & The New Economy” won the
award for the best designed individual article. Congratulations go to the ASEE Prism staff and especially to Amy Powers, ASEE's art director.

**ASEE SEEKS TO BOOST NSF FUNDING.**

Over the signatures of ASEE President John Weese and EDC Chair Stephen Director, ASEE sent a letter in May to key Capitol Hill legislators asking them to meet the NSF's budget request for a 17.3% increase in FY 2001. Recipients of the letter included the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Ted Stevens (R-AK), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Bill Young (R-FL), the Ranking Minority Members, Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) and Representative David Obey (D-WI); the Chairmen of the VA-HUD-IA Appropriations Subcommittees, Senator Christopher Bond (R-MO) and Representative James Walsh (R-NY), the Ranking Minority Members, Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Representative Alan Mollohan (D-WV); and other Subcommittee Members.

**REVISED ASEE FELLOWS LIST.**

The following is the revised list of ASEE 2000 Fellows, which reflects a couple of deferments due to inability to attend this year's Annual Conference. At the Annual Awards Banquet, in St. Louis, the grade of Fellow Membership will be conferred upon: Ronald E. Barr, University of Texas-Austin; Theodore A. Bickart, Colorado School of Mines; Gary R. Crossman, Old Dominion University; Bruce Harding, Purdue University; Eddie Hildreth, Jr., Southern University and A&M College; Ronald S. Kane, New Jersey Institute of Technology; William B. Krantz, University of Colorado at Boulder; Richard M. Moore, Oregon Institute of Technology (retired).

**LEARNON.ORG ARTICLE APPEARS IN IACEE NEWSLETTER.**

An article about ASEE's site, Learnon.org, appeared in the spring newsletter of the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE). Learnon.org is ASEE's online database of continuing education and distance learning courses for engineers. Thus far, the database contains over 3,000 courses. See: [http://www.learnon.org/](http://www.learnon.org/)

Learnon.org will have a booth at the Conference Exposition and ASEE staff will be on hand to answer questions and to demonstrate use of the database.

**ASEE OFFERS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.**

ASEE, in cooperation with the Department of Defense, offers several Postdoctoral Fellowship opportunities in a variety of fields, disciplines, and locations around the USA. Postdoctoral applicants receive competitive stipends, conference travel and relocation allowance, and generous benefits. Applications from recent and prospective Ph.D.
candidates are encouraged. Candidates are accepted year round through the Internet or by mail. See http://www.asee.org/fellowship for additional details.

RENEWING AND JOINING NOW EASIER THAN EVER VIA THE WEB.

People can join ASEE online now and ASEE members can also now renew their current memberships online at: http://www.asee.org/membership/

EUGENE WONG TO LEAVE NSF.

At the National Science Foundation, Assistant Director for Engineering, Eugene Wong, announced that he would leave the agency by mid-June. Wong plans to return to Berkeley, CA. It is expected that NSF will appoint an acting Assistant Director while it seeks a replacement for Wong. In the past, NSF has convened a search committee to generate a roster of candidates.

FAMILIARIZATION TOUR OF AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES.

The Australian Education Office (AEO) has announced a familiarization tour of Australian universities for engineering educators. The tour, to take place in May 2001, will provide an excellent opportunity to develop links with Australian institutions. The ASEE Executive Committee studied this opportunity at its April meeting and agreed to ASEE co-sponsorship, at no cost to ASEE. A tour brochure, itinerary, and registration form is available online at http://www.austudies.org/aeo/tours/FacSpecificTours.html. You may also contact Carri Kendrick at AEO at tel: 202-332-8285.

SWE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON, DC.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) will hold its 2000 National Conference and 50th anniversary celebration from June 27-July 1, 2000, in the Nation's capital. The keynote speaker, Judith Estrin of Cisco Systems, was named one of Fortune magazine's 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business. For more details, see the conference web site at: http://www.hadron.com/swe-bws/2000conf/2000conf.html.

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