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There is still time to register for what may be the best attended ASEE Annual Conference of all time. This year's Annual Conference will be in Montreal, Canada, June 16-19, 2002. Registration can be effected online. The speakers for the Main Plenary on Monday, June 17, are William A. Wulf and John Brooks Slaughter. Dr. Wulf is the President of the National Academy of Engineering, and Dr. Slaughter is the President and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME).

**Industry Day at Annual Meeting**

ASEE's Corporate Member Council (CMC) is again sponsoring Industry Day in Montreal. Industry Day will take place Tuesday, June 18 and is open to all attendees at the 2002 ASEE Annual Conference in Montreal.

**Visa Regulation Published for Comments**

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) recently published its proposed rule on the new requirements for the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) tracking system. The new SEVIS system, mandated in 1996, will cover F, J, and M visa holders. F visa holders are international students who pursue a full course of study at an academic institution; J visa holders are participants in a State Department-approved exchange program; and M visa holders pursue programs at vocational or other nonacademic institutions, such as flight training schools. The proposed rule calls for the mandatory participation in SEVIS of all institutions by January 30, 2003. It also calls for the re-certification of institutions by the INS to participate in SEVIS. The deadline for comments to the INS is June 17, 2002. Comments may be submitted to the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW, Room 4034, Washington, DC, 20536. They may also be submitted electronically at Email: insregs@usdoj.gov.

**Engineers Receive National Medals of Science and Technology**

President George Bush has announced the laureates of the 2001 National Medals of Science and National Medals of Technology, the nation's highest science and technology honors. In Engineering, Dr. Andreas Acrivos, City College of the City University of New York, is the recipient of the 2001 National Medal of Science. Dr. Jerry M. Woodall, Yale University, and Dr. Arun N. Netravali, Lucent Technologies - Bell Labs, are among the recipients of the 2001 National Medal of Technology Laureates. For more information, go to: [http://www.nationalmedals.org/html/pressrelease.htm](http://www.nationalmedals.org/html/pressrelease.htm).

**Special Prism Offer for Advisory Boards**

With the sponsorship of the ASEE Engineering Deans Council Executive Board and the Engineering Technology Council Executive Board, ASEE is offering each dean of engineering and engineering technology and their department heads subscriptions to PRISM Magazine for their Corporate Advisory Board members at an annual rate of $35. The intent of this program is to broaden awareness of issues that shape the field of engineering and engineering technology education among this critical group of corporate leaders.

**CNSF Exhibition Brings NSF Researchers to the Hill**

The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) held its 8th Annual Capitol Hill Exhibition and Reception with exhibits that highlighted the broad range of work supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF). ASEE, a member of CNSF, sponsored a display at the Exhibition featuring the work of Dr. Israel Wachs, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Lehigh University, and of graduate student, Sukwon Choi, that explored pollution remediation in the paper and pulp industry. Their display detailed a process invented by Dr. Wachs that converts a methanol-water waste stream into formaldehyde. This process recently completed a successful two-year demonstration trial at a Georgia-Pacific manufacturing plant. In recognition of this work, Dr. Wachs won a 2001 Clean Air Excellence Award from the Environmental Protection Agency.
NSF ANNOUNCES FY 2003 SOLICITATIONS FOR THE ADVANCE PROGRAM

NSF has issued a solicitation for FY 2003 funding to support the Advance Program. The program's goal is to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic science and engineering careers, thereby addressing the pipeline issue of the need for a more diverse science and engineering workforce. NSF anticipates having $11 M available for three types of awards: Institutional Transformation Awards; Leadership Awards; and Fellows Awards. For more information, see: http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf02121.

KEY TO RETAINING FEMALE STUDENTS

Female engineering students are more likely to complete a degree when they have strong social support networks within the engineering field, according to the recent report, "Women's Experiences in College Engineering." The report found that mentor programs and opportunities to network with practicing female engineers increase the likelihood that they will stick with engineering. Authors of the report suggest that self-esteem issues are affecting females to a larger extent than their male counterparts, and they stress the need to educate engineering faculty members about such issues. Findings are based on data collected from more than 20,000 female undergraduates, and faculty members and administrators at 53 colleges and universities. For more details, see: http://www.grginc.com/reportsandpubs.html.

NACME LAUNCHES WEBSITE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

NACME has launched a new web-site designed to excite middle-school students of diverse backgrounds about studying and working in the field of engineering. The site targets girls and under-served minorities, offering aptitude diagnostics, role models already in the field, an introduction to what engineers do in their jobs, and advice about how to plan their studies to enter the field of engineering. Go to: http://www.GuidemeNACME.org.

ENGINEERS FORUM ON SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The Engineers Forum on Sustainability met at the National Academies building in May, and included a presentation on "Integrated Sustainable Community Development." The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for September 13, also at the National Academies building. All engineers and educators interested in sustainability are invited to participate. The most recent Forum newsletter, dated April 2002, is now available on the ASEE website, along with all previous newsletters. Please note the new Forum website address.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HOSTS SEESP

The 7th Annual Science & Engineering Education Scholars Program (SEESP), July 28 - August 2, 2002, will be hosted by the University of Minnesota again this summer. SEESP provides professional development opportunities for new faculty members or graduate students with aspirations of an academic career. Please bring this notice to the attention of: doctoral candidates in engineering and science who are in their last two years of study; post-doctoral associates; or assistant professors with one year or less in a faculty position. While the application deadline is June 7, some applications will be accepted past the deadline, though space is not guaranteed. For more details, go to: http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/seesp/index.html.

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