James L. Melsa, dean emeritus, Iowa State University, was inaugurated as ASEE's 2007-2008 president in June in Hawaii. He received the president's gavel at the closing banquet of the 2007 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition in Honolulu, Hawaii. Melsa's talk was entitled "The Winds of Change," and citing his Iowa State heritage, he began by saying, "I want to talk about the cyclone of realities driving the need for fundamental changes in engineering education." He went on to discuss the "why, what and how of the changes" he sees, as well as noting some of his goals as ASEE president. The salient points of his address can be reviewed in his president's message now on ASEE's web site. Please go to: http://www.asee.org/about/Presidents_Message.cfm.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HAWAII

Despite distance and cost, ASEE members turned out for the ASEE's annual meeting in Hawaii. We had a total attendance of 3,401, which fell 108 short of Chicago, but exceeded Portland's 3,351. A record number of papers were submitted (1,739) and published (1,626). And it appears members came with friends and families. In Chicago there were 6,575 hotel room-nights sold; in Honolulu, our conference took 10,311 hotel room-nights. There were a few challenges with Hawaii, but most participants agreed it was a good meeting held in a great place. Aloha.

JEE IN TOP 10 OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH JOURNALS

The Journal of Engineering Education (JEE), ASEE's research journal, received its first ratings in the internationally recognized Thomson ISI Science Citation Index and the Social Science Citation Index. JEE is listed in the category "Education, Scientific Disciplines" in the Science Citation Index in which it ranked 3rd out of 22 journals based on the widely cited Impact Factor, a measure of the degree to which a journal's articles are cited. JEE is the highest ranked among the 6 engineering journals listed in this category. In the Social Sciences Citation Index the journal is listed in the category "Education, Educational Research" where it placed 8th out of 100 journals. JEE is the only engineering journal to have earned a listing in this category. "We are of course very pleased with both of these ratings, especially in the highly competitive social science category of educational research," said Jack Lohmann, editor of JEE. ASEE president, James Melsa, further commented that "The ASEE community can be very proud of our research journal. To be so highly placed after only four years as an engineering education research journal is a testament to the quality of scholarship by our colleagues in this rapidly developing discipline. It is clear that JEE is having a major influence on the educational preparation of future engineers." JEE submitted its application to Thomson in January 2003. Following a two-year evaluation period, JEE was honored to be listed on both citation indices, the Science Citation Index Expanded (which includes engineering) and the Social Sciences Citation Index. Less than five percent of over 8,000 journals are listed on both indices, and JEE is among them. For more information about JEE, its strategic plan, and annual report, see http://www.asee.org/jee.

ASEE ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION TO LAUNCH

The first edition of Advances in Engineering Education (AEE), ASEE's new electronic publication, will launch in August. AEE's mission is to share significant innovations in engineering education practices, including those presented through creative use of multi media. Larry Shuman, professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Engineering, University of Pittsburgh, is editor of AEE. Please visit: http://advances.asee.org/ for Shuman's welcome message, as well as guidelines for article submission to this newest ASEE publication.

INDO/US COLLABORATIVE FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION

ASEE participated in an exciting Indo/US collaborative for Engineering Education in India, a two-forum series to bring US and Indian representatives together to discuss collaborative activities. In June, a group of 20 US engineering education leaders that included ASEE president James Melsa and JEE editor Jack Lohmann, and EDC chair Paul Peercy, traveled to India. The first forum was hosted by Infosys on their fine Mysore campus. In New Delhi, the US group met with the President of India and the U.S. ambassador to India, and had briefings with Indian engineering, science, government and corporate leaders. The second forum in the series will be held in August at the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM IN ISTANBUL

ASEE will hold its 6th Global Colloquium in Istanbul, October 1-4, 2007. The theme is "Shaping the Future through Global Partnerships." The main plenary speaker will be Bill Wulf, immediate past president of the National Academy of Engineering. The colloquium will address three major themes: Advanced Global Engineering Education Research; Enhancing Global Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship; and Assuring Engineering Quality and Enabling Global Mobility. Details of the program can be seen at: http://asee.org/conferences/international/2007/Program.cfm. Prior to the Global Colloquium, the International Federation of Engineering's Education Societies will hold its first Global Summit on Engineering Education at Bosphorus University.
ABET FACULTY WORKSHOP

One of the workshops to be held in Turkey will be ABET’s Faculty Workshop for Program Assessment. ABET says that by attending this one-day workshop, participants can sharpen their assessment knowledge, broaden their understanding of continuous improvement processes, and learn new assessment tools they can implement when they return to campus. This workshop is interactive and faculty will work in small groups applying the concepts learned throughout the day. (Separate registration fee applies.) The workshop will be held the day after the Global Colloquium on Friday, October 5, 2007.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP)

This program is intended for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have an earned doctorate in science or engineering and who hold full-time science or engineering faculty positions at U.S. colleges, community colleges and universities. The duration of this summer fellowship is from eight to 12 continuous weeks and research is performed on-site at Air Force labs. There is a competitive weekly stipend and relocation and daily expense allowances are available. The application opens on August 1, 2007. Go to: http://www.asee.org/sffp email sffp@asee.org.

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

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

ARTHUR T. MURPHY DIES

ASEE was saddened to learn that Arthur Murphy, Jr. died earlier this month. Dr. Murphy was a life member of ASEE, an ASEE fellow, and DuPont’s representative to ASEE. He served two terms on ASEE’s Board of Directors as ASEE’s vice president for finance from 2001-2003 and 2003-2005. When the Minorities in Engineering Education Award was jeopardized through lack of funding, he persuaded DuPont to initially sponsor and then fully endow this fine award. Murphy had a distinguished career, and contributed generously to the engineering education community. He will be missed by his many friends and associates.