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NASA SUMMER FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The NASA Summer Faculty Research Opportunities is sponsored by NASA's Faculty Awards for Research Program and the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program. This program is intended for U.S. citizens who hold full-time science and engineering faculty positions at U.S. colleges, community colleges, and universities. The duration of this summer fellowship is 10 continuous weeks, and research is performed at one of the participating NASA centers or the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. There is a competitive stipend and travel/relocation allowances are available. The application to the 2005 program is now open. Early Selection Application due date is March 14, 2005 and Final Selection Application due date is May 2nd, 2005. Go to: http://www.nasa.gov/summerfac.

ASEE 2005 NATIONAL ELECTION

Ballots for the 2005 ASEE National Election were included with the February issue of Prism Magazine. Please take this opportunity to cast your vote for the candidates you'd like to see in ASEE leadership positions. Remind your associates and colleagues to vote as well. ASEE has approximately 10,000 members, and every year we receive fewer than 1,000 votes. This is the year for ASEE to have a better turnout—please cast your vote. Candidates for the top spot—ASEE President-Elect—are John McDonough, University of Maine, and David Wormley, Pennsylvania State College. Other volunteer positions up for election this year are: vice president for public affairs; vice president for finance; chair, PIC II; chair, PIC III; chair-elect, Zone II; chair-elect Zone IV. Remember that you must sign the provided ballot envelope in the designated area to have your vote counted. All ballots must be returned to headquarters by March 31st.

ASEE 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Registration and Housing are now open for the 2005 ASEE Annual Conference. This year’s conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 12-15. Register online at: http://www.asee.org/annual2005. For questions, call ASEE’s registrar, at 202-331-3517. For information about this year’s conference, visit: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2005.

ASEE/AECE 4TH GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM

This is a reminder that a call for papers has been issued for the ASEE/AaeE Global Colloquium on Engineering Education. Abstracts are due by March 23, 2005. This event combines the 4th ASEE Global Colloquium with the annual conference of the Australasian Association of Engineering Education (AaeE). Colloquium themes are: Globalization of Engineering Education, K-12 Pipeline, and Transformation of Disciplines. For more information, see: http://www.gcee2005.com/call.htm.

JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The Special Issue of the Journal of Engineering Education (JEE) focuses on the state of the art in research in engineering education and is now available on ASEE’s web site. Go to: http://www.asee.org/about/publications/jee/issueList.cfm. Jack Lohmann, JEE editor, notes that this special issue of JEE was developed over nearly two years. In his editorial, “Building a Community of Scholars: The Role of the Journal of Engineering Education as a Research Journal, Lohmann says, “The mission of the Journal of Engineering Education” is to serve as an archival record for scholarly research in engineering education. Its vision is to be the premier journal for research on engineering education worldwide. Both the mission and vision are guided by the philosophy that “the journal serves to build a vibrant community of scholars dedicated to the advancement of engineering education through research where those skilled in education research may disseminate and be recognized for their contributions....”

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The Bernard M. Gordon Prize for for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education was inaugurated in 2001 by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). It is given annually and the recipient receives a $500,000 cash award, half to the recipient and half to the recipient’s institution to support continued development. The 2005 Gordon Prize was awarded to Purdue’s Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) Program and to recipients Leah H. Jamieson, William C. Oakes, and Edward J. Coyle. The Charles Stark Draper Prize is awarded for the advancement of engineering and to improve public understanding of the importance of engineering technology. This year’s Draper Prize recipients are Minoru S. Araki, Francis J. Madden, Edward A. Miller, James W. Plummer, Don H. Schoessler for the design, development, and operation of Corona, the first space-based Earth observation system. For more information, go to NAE’s website and click on awards: http://www.nae.edu.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

ASEE Board members, committee chairs, and representatives to other organizations are expected to file an Annual Report with headquarters. This is a requirement dictated by the ASEE Constitution. Reports can be simple, and need only cover the following: name of council/office; meetings of the unit represented; any significant actions or events of unit. Annual Reports received by May 15th will be attached to the June Board Meeting Agenda for the ASEE Board of Directors meeting. All reports received in timely fashion will be kept on file in a permanent archive at ASEE headquarters and also posted on ASEE’s web site.

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