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**ASEE 2009 NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

Ballots for the 2009 ASEE National Election were included with the February issue of Prism Magazine. Please cast your vote for the candidates you’d like to see in ASEE leadership positions. The deadline is March 31, which means your ballot must be postmarked by this date in order to have your vote counted. ASEE has over 13,000 members, but each year receives fewer than 1,000 votes. We hope for a better turnout this year. Candidates for the top spot – ASEE president elect – are Renata Engel, associate dean for undergraduate studies and international programs, College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University; and Paul Peercy, dean of Wisconsin-Madison College of Engineering. To view the full slate of candidates for this year’s election, go to: http://www.asee.org/about/Elections.cfm.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN (really).**

Housing and Registration has opened for the 2009 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, you can register online. For good value, keep in mind that early registration for an ASEE member is only $377, but this early registration rate is good only through April 8, 2009. This year’s ASEE Annual Conference is set for June 14-17, 2009 in Austin, Texas. We suggest making plans early to attend – this year’s meeting is gearing up to be a big one. Austin’s a popular destination, and offerings at this year’s conference are diverse and exciting. In the February Prism, you can read about what’s hip and hot, or what’s fun for the whole family in the Lone Star Capital. For meeting and registration information, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2009.

**ASEE ERC ANNUAL MEETING**

Join the ASEE Engineering Research Council for its annual conference to hear from the leaders of federal funding agencies and research funding advocacy groups to learn first hand about the changes ahead and how you can adapt to maintain active and productive University research programs. This year’s ERC Annual Conference will be held March 8-10, 2009 at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA. For further information, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/erc/2009.

**IFEES SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR ST. PETERSBURG**

The Third IFEES Global Summit will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, May 19-23, 2009. This year’s Summit will be co-located with the International Colloquium hosted by the Russian Association for Engineering Education on May 20-22. The theme of the IFEES Summit will be “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Engineering Education: Roadmap for Excellence.” The World Bank will provide one of the keynote speakers, and ASEE president Sarah Rajala will address issues related to accreditation. IFEES is pleased that Engineers Canada and the Australasian Engineering Education Association (AAEE) representing both Australia and New Zealand recently became members thus providing IFEES with members from all continents.

**NRL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

ASEE administers a number of federal programs that offer fellowship opportunities, including 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. The 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/.

**ASEE CONNECTIONS E-NEWSLETTER**

The CONNECTIONS e-newsletter is emailed to all ASEE members monthly. Look for it in your Inbox to learn of newly published engineering college data, new fellowship opportunities, and funding developments on Capitol Hill. To read past issues, go to: http://www.asee.org/publications/connections/.

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The Peace Corps Master’s International (MI) program combines graduate study with Peace Corps service overseas. Prospective students apply to the Peace Corps and the graduate program(s) of their choice. Typically, students complete one year of graduate school and then serve 27 months in the Peace Corps, after which they return to the university to complete any remaining degree requirements. More than 60 universities, three of which offer MI programs in engineering, currently partner with the program. Universities may join the partnership through a periodic Request for Proposals (RFP) process. If, however, the school already has an agreement with the Peace Corps, engineering departments can be added more easily. The Master’s International program offers participants an opportunity to combine graduate study with significant international service. For more information, visit: http://www.peacecorps.gov/masters, or for information about other Peace Corps opportunities in engineering, visit: http://www.peacecorps.gov

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