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ERNEST SMERDON ATTENDS IGIP SYMPOSIUM.
ASEE President Ernie Smerdon represented ASEE in Moscow at the International Symposium - Engineering Education '98 sponsored by the Internationale Gesellschaft fur Intenieurpadagogil (IGIP). IGIP is headquartered in Austria and its heavy membership is in Germany and the East European countries. Dr. Smerdon reports that over 400 engineering educators attended with representation from virtually every European country. The program clearly showed that our European colleagues are concerned about the same issues that are being discussed by ASEE members. He says the Russians were excellent hosts at this IGIP annual meeting which was held in Russia for the first time. He made a presentation on behalf of ASEE at the opening session and discussed changes that are occurring in American engineering education.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED.
The slate of candidates for the 1999 National ASEE Elections is as follows: President-Elect - Wallace Fowler and Earl Dowell; Vice President Finance - Larry Hare; Vice President Public Affairs - Eugene DeLoatch and Ronald Kane; PIC II Chair - John Grubbs and John McDonough; PIC III Chair - David Hata and Timothy Skvarenina. Zone II Chair-Elect - J.P. Mohnsen and Daniel Budny; Zone IV Chair-Elect - Paul Rainey and Vern Johnson. Photos and biographies are in the December issue of ASEE PRISM.

PLAGIARISM ARTICLE IN DECEMBER PRISM.
The cover story of the December ASEE PRISM takes a look at "Student Plagiarism in an Online World." This article tells how the proliferation of Web pages and electronic publication has made plagiarism easier to accomplish and harder to detect. Author Julie Ryan, a computer information security consultant and an ASEE member, offers tips on how to catch these new cybercheats.

PRISM GOES ON LINE.
PRISM Online is a Web version of ASEE PRISM magazine, and it's available at www.asee.org/prism/. Featuring the same articles, columns, sections, and job listings found in the print version, PRISM Online also offers Web-only material -- expanded stories, photos, and relevant hyperlinks. The site is updated weekly and is available to the public through December 31, 1998. After that, you will need an ASEE membership or ASEE PRISM subscription passcode to access.

WHAT'S A PHD WORTH?
ASEE undertook a survey of 4,500 recent engineering PhD graduates, and the results have been compiled into a broad overview report and a comprehensive findings report. These reports contain a wealth of comparative detail as well as information about where the recent grads found jobs, how much they're making, and what sectors pay the best. Order copies by calling 202-331-3556. Quantities are limited.

ANN MCKENNA AND ALICE AGOGINO TAKE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEST PAPER AWARD.
The 1998 ASEE Annual Conference Program Planning Committee established a new program, the Best Paper Award, to encourage and reward high-quality papers given at the Annual Conference. This year's top award for the Best Conference Paper and $3000 went to Ann McKenna and Alice Agogino, University of California, for "Integrating Design, Analysis, and Problem Solving in an Introduction to Engineering Curriculum for High School Students." The other five cash awards of $1000 went to: Best Paper PIC I to Michael Leonard, Donald Beasley, and Katherine Scales, Clemson University; and Jack Elzinga, University of Florida, for "Planning
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS.
Is there an engineering faculty member whose work you think deserves national recognition? If so, visit the ASEE Awards site at [http://www.asee.org/awards](http://www.asee.org/awards) for a list of the ASEE national awards that are being offered for 1999. ASEE annually recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of engineering and engineering technology educators, offering a number of prestigious awards in the following areas: teaching, administration, engineering research, engineering technology, and service to education in engineering and engineering technology. Candidates who are selected will be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet held during the ASEE Annual Conference, June 20-23, 1999, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The nomination process is simple. Requirements, nominating instructions and forms are available on the web at the above site. You can print out the nomination form and mail it along with the other nomination requirements, or you can send an e-mail to Bey at s.wingatebey@asee.org (tel: 202-331-3550) and request that a copy be sent to you. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 1999.

FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
The Finance and Executive Committees met at ASEE headquarters October 17, 1998. They reviewed the Society's financial status, and Larry Hare, VP-Finance, declared ASEE to be in good financial shape. The next full Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 1999, the weekend prior to the CIEC (Feb. 1-5, 1999) meeting in Palm Springs, CA.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO DOUBLE RESEARCH FUNDING.
On October 8, the Senate passed the Frist-Rockefeller bill to double the federal non defense research budget over the next 12 years. ASEE's Engineering Deans Council worked to gain co-sponsors for this bill, as well as its predecessor, the Gramm-Lieberman bill, and the ASEE Board of Directors voted to endorse the bill.

NSF FUNDS INCREASE 7.1%.
The House and Senate have adopted the VA-HUD-IA. Appropriations Bill Conference Report, which provides a $3.67 billion appropriation for FY'99 for the National Science Foundation (NSF). This is a 7.1% increase, or $243 million, over the FY'98 appropriation.

EAGLE-JAPAN PROGRAM.
Applications are being accepted for an intensive Japanese language and culture program designed especially for engineering and science students. The program is in June and July at the Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Japan. Applications must be filed no later than November 16, 1998. Information about EAGLE-Japan and the 1999 Summer Program can be found at [http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~clarks/eagle/](http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~clarks/eagle/).

REMINDER.
ASEE will be closed November 11, 1998 in observance of Veteran's Day.