CALL FOR ASEE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Beginning November 1, 2006, ASEE will accept nominations for awards to be presented at the 2006 ASEE Awards Banquet, which will be held during the Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 18-21, 2006. Awards that are offered, nomination requirements, and online award nomination forms are available on the web at: http://www.asee.org/members/awards/index.cfm. Consider nominating one or more deserving colleagues for an award. The deadline for submitting award nominations is January 15, 2006. The deadline for submitting Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2006. For questions regarding awards, please contact Awards & Administrative Services at (202) 331-3550 or s.wingatebey@asee.org.

NEW ASEE BLOG/NEWSLETTER

ASEE's Outreach Department recently launched a bi-weekly newsletter called "Engineering & ... " that is being sent to approximately 1,500 policy makers, media figures, and PR representatives in higher education. The publication features examples of how engineering relates to the world around us -- how engineering intersects with the economy, society, education, and national interests to the benefit of all. Find it at: http://www.engineeringand.com, and let us know what you think. Post comments or links you consider of interest.

CIEC CHANGES 2006 MEETING DATES AND LOCATION

The Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) will now be held January 24-27, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. Celebrating "A Century of Collaboration," CIEC provides an excellent opportunity to join colleagues and other engineering educators for networking, professional development, and skill enhancement opportunities. For more details on the program, go to: http://www.asee.org/about/events/conferences/ciec/2006/. For registration: http://www.lepting.com/asee/2006/register.html. For accommodations: http://www.crowneplaza.com/sariverwalk. CIEC is organized and sponsored by ASEE's Cooperative Education Division (CED), College Industry Partnership Division (CIP), Continuing Professional Development Division (CPD), and the Engineering Technology Division (ETD).

ENGINEERING DEANS COUNCIL LETTER TO DOD ON CHANGES TO DEEMED EXPORT RULES

The Engineering Deans Council (EDC) submitted a letter of comment to the Department of Defense (DOD) in response to the proposed changes to the rules governing deemed export rules. The export control laws and regulations restrict the transfer of certain types of information and technology. The proposed changes include requiring foreign nationals and foreign person working on DOD-funded research contracts to wear special badges and work in segregated areas. The EDC agreed with the Council on Government Relations (COGR) and National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) letters to DOD. Those letters suggested that DOD withdraw the proposed rule, or delay making the propose rule until the Department of Commerce finishes reviewing changes proposed for its deemed export policies, or consider revising the contract clause using language suggested by COGR.

FACULTY AND STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS AND RELATED

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

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG). The fellowship program is sponsored by the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program. This program is intended for U.S. citizens at or near the beginning of their graduate studies in science and/or engineering programs. The fellowships are for three year tenures. The stipends begin at $30,500 for first year fellows, $31,000 for second year fellows, and $31,500 for third year fellows. Full tuition and fees and a health insurance allowance are included as part of the program. The application deadline is January 6, 2006. Go to: http://www.asee.org/ndseg for applications and detailed program information.

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. There is a competitive weekly stipend and relocation and daily expense allowances are available. The application is open now and the application deadline is November 1, 2005. Go to: http://www.asee.org/sffp or email: sffp@asee.org.
The Office of Naval Research (ONR) Summer Faculty Research and Sabbatical Leave Program. This program is intended for U.S. citizens who hold teaching or research appointments relating to science and/or engineering at U.S. academic institutions. A competitive stipend, relocation and travel allowances, and a pre-program site visit are offered. Application deadline is December 1, 2005. Go to: http://www.asee.org/summer.

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. This 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 to learn more about the program.

CAREER MENTOR WANTED

ASEE is looking for a career mentor for a promising freshmen manufacturing engineering student who recently won a calculator design competition held by HP. If any engineering faculty are interested in providing career guidance for this student, please email: m.sanoff@asee.org.

ANNUAL ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

At the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, ethics are recognized as an important component to teaching in general, but also specifically in teaching engineering. The foundation runs The Prize in Ethics Essay Contest, an annual competition designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today’s complex world. Full-time juniors and seniors at accredited four-year colleges and universities in the US are welcome to enter the essay contest and compete for $10,000 in prizes and the opportunity to meet Elie Wiesel in New York City. Entry forms and additional information about the contest is available at: http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org. Postmark deadline for the 2006 Essay Contest is Friday, December 9, 2005.

PUBLICITY IS A GOOD THING

In the October 15th issue of the Boston Globe, ASEE was mentioned in the story, “Engineering gains a younger following.” The article reported on the positive efforts by Massachusetts to bring engineering courses into the state’s high schools as a way to interest students in science, math and engineering careers. To read full article, go to: http://www.boston.com:80/news/nation/articles/2005/10/15/engineering_gains_a_younger_following.

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