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ASEE/SEFI/TUB COLLOQUIUM.

As a result of the terrible and tragic events of September 11, ASEE canceled the Colloquium scheduled for September 15-18, 2001 in Berlin. The ASEE Conferences Department contacted all the speakers and registered participants, and the process for refunds has begun. ASEE Executive Director Frank Huband, who was already in Europe for the SEFI Annual Meeting in Copenhagen, met with German co-sponsors of the Colloquium to discuss the possibility of rescheduling the meeting for next year.

ASEE CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES IN K-12 SCIENCE & MATH EDUCATION.

Work on this activity has proceeded through the important developmental stages. At the end of September, ASEE will meet with representatives from industry to discuss K-12 activities and potential partnerships.

NEW ASSESSMENT PAGE ON ASEE WEB SITE.

ASEE is developing a web page with links to member institutions pages on EC 2000-related assessment at: http://www.asee.org/colleges/assessment.cfm. If you would like to have your institution's page listed, please contact Jennifer Johnson at j.johnson@asee.org

PRISM ONLINE.

The September issue is now online at: http://www.asee.org/prism/sept01. Key articles in this issue: how the economic slowdown could affect engineering graduates; how plans to start an innovative college of engineering (Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering) have accommodated to reality; and the challenges of the job of department head. If you didn't get to these articles when your magazine arrived in the mail, you may want to peruse them online.

ASEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The ASEE Executive Committee will meet on Saturday, October 20, 2001, at ASEE headquarters in Washington, D.C.

LEARNON.ORG.

ASEE's continuing education site, Learnon.org currently gets 71,000 hits and 4,400 visitors a month. This compares to August last year, when Learnon.org received about 650 hits and 21 visitors. The site has grown from a small-scale continuing education database to a full
engineering/IT career resource with 6,000+ courses and 100 providers. If you haven’t visited the redesigned Learnon site recently, go to: http://www.learnon.org/. Learnon’s ranking on several search engines has improved - it is No. 1 on Lycos and, Altavista, and No. 2 on AOL, Google and Yahoo.

FY 2002 APPROPRIATIONS.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, Members of Congress have understandably altered their approach to the FY 2002 appropriations process. Calls for emergency defense spending have banished debate over tapping the Social Security surplus to fund government operations. Most immediately, Congress will appropriate $40 B in emergency aid for use in recovery and preliminary anti-terrorism activities. The timetable for completing work on the 13 annual appropriations bills remains unclear. Few if any of them will reach the President's desk before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. FY 2002 may start off with some or all of the bills rolled into a short term continuing resolution (CR) while the individual bills are revisited in light of new security.

ASEE Staff Note.

Congratulations go to Michael Moore, ASEE Projects Department. Moore has been promoted to manager of projects, and he is responsible for administration of the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG) as well as other DoD projects, and for staffing the Tau Alpha Pi program.

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