5TH ASEE GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM

ASEE will hold the 5th Global Colloquium on Engineering Education with the assistance of ABENGE, the Brazilian Society for Engineering Education, and Rio universities, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and Instituto Militar de Engenharia, in Rio de Janeiro, from October 9-12, 2006. Program tracks will address issues of primary and secondary education, curriculum for the global engineer, and engineering for the Americas. Beyond the excellent technical program presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to tour sites in Rio as well as visiting engineering colleges in Brazil. This year there is a special student-focused program involving students from many countries. Student attendees will interact with global peers, actively participate in the Colloquium, and have opportunities to speak with representatives of corporations, international organizations, and university faculty and deans. There will also be several pre-conference technical workshops.

SEPTEMBER PRISM

The September issue of Prism Magazine has two stories with an international flavor. There is the profile of Frannie Leautier, the first woman from Tanzania to earn a Ph.D. from MIT. Leautier grew up on a coffee farm in the foothills of Kilimanjaro. Against considerable odds, she managed to study civil engineering at the University of Dar es Salaam, attend MIT, and achieve her current position as vice president of the World Bank Institute. The other international story takes a look at how Mexico is joining the global competition in engineering. Discussions of global competition generally focus on China or India, but Mexico has been steadily building up an infrastructure to both educate more engineers and attract companies with design work. Prism, which sports a new look in September, is more open and even easier to read. Not surprising that the magazine recently won its 14th award this year.

DUPONT ENDOWS MINORITIES IN ENGINEERING AWARD

DuPont, sponsor of the Minorities in Engineering Award since 2002, has recently fully endowed this award. By approval of the ASEE Awards Policy Committee and Board of Directors, the award has been renamed the DuPont Minorities in Engineering Award, which recognizes DuPont’s support of diversity in engineering education, as well as its long standing support of diversity in engineering. DuPont’s support enables ASEE to recognize, nationally, the outstanding achievements of engineering and engineering technology educators who are committed to increasing student diversity within engineering and engineering technology programs. For more information on the DuPont Minorities in Engineering Award, see: http://www.asee.org/activities/awards/index.cfm.

2006 ETLI IN SALT LAKE

This year’s Engineering Technology Institute (ETLI) will be held in Salt Lake City, UT, at the Marriott City Center Downtown, October 7-9. The purpose of ETLI is to bring together the community involved in two-year and four-year engineering technology education to address issues and challenges of common interest in an informal forum for open discussion. On Friday, preceding ETLI, is the Engineering Technology Deans and Administrators Roundtable. ASEE President David Wormley will be the dinner speaker. For more information regarding ETLI, contact Warren Hill, Dean, College of Applied Science and Technology, Weber State University, Tel: 801-626-6304. http://www.weber.edu/COAST/Conferences/ETLI.html

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 at an Air Force laboratory. There is a competitive weekly stipend and relocation and daily expense allowances are available. The application opens in August and the application deadline is November 1, 2006. Go to: 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, 2006. Go to: 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: www.asee.org/resources/nrl.
A few of the meetings to note on next year's calendar: CIEC, Palm Springs, CA, Feb. 5-8; Engineering Deans Public Policy Colloquium, Washington, DC, Feb. 27-28; ERC Summit, Workshop & Forum, Arlington, VA, March 11-13; EDI, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 13-18; ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition, Honolulu, HI, June 24-27; and ASEE Global Colloquium, Istanbul, Sept. 29-Oct. 4.