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2008 ASEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's ASEE Annual Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, June 22-25, with the theme of this 115th Annual Conference being "Building Bridges to Create Change in Engineering Education." Registration opens Saturday, June 22 at 12 noon at the Convention Center, and on Sunday, the opening picnic will be on the Convention Center's rooftop terrace. All technical sessions, business meetings (except where otherwise listed), meal events, the exposition and workshops will be held at the Convention Center, which is connected by skywalk to the Westin Hotel, the headquarters hotel. Wednesday's Annual Awards Reception and Banquet will be held in the Westin.

OUTSTANDING ZONE CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Campus representatives serve an important liaison role for ASEE at the grassroots level promoting membership and keeping members informed of ASEE activities. Each year, one campus rep from each zone is chosen as the Outstanding Zone Campus Representative. Winners of the 2008 awards for Zones 1, 2, and 3 are as follows:

Zone I

Susan McCahan
Chair, Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering
Professor, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
University of Toronto

Zone II

Kevin C. Bower
Assistant Professor
Civil & Environmental Engineering Department
The Citadel

Zone III

Walter W. Buchanan
Professor & Head
Engineering Technology & Industrial Distribution Texas A&M University

K-12 WORKSHOP IN PITTSBURGH

ASEE'S 5th Annual Workshop on K-12 Engineering Education will be held on June 21, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. Open to Pittsburgh-area K-12 teachers, ASEE members, and others interested in K-12 engineering, the workshop will focus on implementation of K-12 engineering education activities in the classroom. Attendees will participate in interactive technical sessions given by providers of K-12 engineering education products and services, and have the opportunity to network with their colleagues in K-12 engineering education. To register, please visit: http://www.engineeringk12.org/k12workshop2008/.

MAKING ASEE MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

Cornell University made ASEE membership history this spring, as Dean Kent Fuchs sponsored 219 faculty members for ASEE membership under the Deans Program. In this program, the school pays for one year of membership, and ASEE provides a second year free. Cornell and Dr. Fuch's record is triple the previous record set by the University of Alberta. This new achievement helped push ASEE individual membership to new all-time record highs.

SECOND IFEES GLOBAL SUMMIT
The Second IFEES Global Engineering Education Summit will be held on October 19-20, 2008 in Cape Town, South Africa, immediately preceding the 7th ASEE Global Colloquium. Main sessions will include interactive panels on Indo-US Collaboration on Engineering Education, Global Engineering Deans Council, Prototype Engineering Accreditation System for the Caribbean and Panama, and Student Platform for Engineering Education Development. The keynote dinner speaker will be Prof. Konrad Osterwalder, rector of the University of the UN in Tokyo and former rector of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.

The 11th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education (WCCEE) was held May 20-23, 2008 on the campus of Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference was sponsored by International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE). ASEE serves as the secretariat of IACEE.

The 2008 Indo-US Engineering Faculty Leadership Institute commenced on the Infosys campus in Mysore, India on May 26, 2008. The goal of the partnership is to improve the quality and global relevance of engineering education in the U.S. and India.

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. The program has a rolling admission. For further details, go to: http://www.asee.org/nrl/.

The ASEE Board of Directors at its 2008 winter Board Meeting approved the recommendation put forth by ASEE's Professional Interest Council Chairs regarding papers to be presented at ASEE's Annual Conferences. Beginning with the 2009 ASEE Annual Conference in Austin, TX, a "Publish to Present" Policy will apply. All papers must be peer reviewed for both presentation at the conference and subsequent publication in the conference proceedings. Exceptions will be limited to speakers invited for panel presentations; corporate speakers, main plenary and distinguished lecture speakers. The 2009 ASEE Annual Conference Call for Papers will take place this June, and the new "Publish to Present" Policy will apply.