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## Dinner Meeting and Presentation

### Product Development

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Denver International (Chambers and I-70)

\$35.00 / person for 2 entree buffet dinner

#### Agenda

6:00 – 6:30 Meet and Greet

6:30 – 7:00 Introduction

Award Ceremony

Metro SPDC Presentation

7:00 – 7:45 Dinner

8:00 – 8:45 Speaker Presentation

Larry Marine on Product Development

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**Check at the New Colorado Section of ASME Web Page. The Site has been redesigned to make it easier for you to find out about section meetings, section news, contacts and potential job openings.**

**A Special Thanks to Jim Bovenmyer, for his work on the web page design.**

## ***I-SHOW PREMIERS AT 2007 CONGRESS***



ASME, in collaboration with the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) and Idea to Product (I2P) competitions will present the first Innovation Showcase, (I•Show) contest, Nov. 9, held in conjunction with the 2007 ASME Congress in Seattle, Wash., Nov 11-15. The I•Show is a competition that encourages teams of individuals to present their technological innovations to an audience, which will include successful entrepreneurs, seed venture capitalists, and intellectual property specialists. Judges will decide the best and most feasible ideas, and winners will receive seed funding and additional product and start-up support. I-Show will feature 10 semi-finalists for the inaugural competition including teams from the University of Washington, Penn State, Oregon State University, Texas A&M University and others.

For more details visit the Web site at [http://www.asme.org/Communities/Entrepreneur/Innovation\\_Showcase\\_IShow.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Communities/Entrepreneur/Innovation_Showcase_IShow.cfm) or contact Patti Jo Snyder at [snyderp@asme.org](mailto:snyderp@asme.org)

## **Bernard Amadei Will Deliver Keynote at 2007 Congress**



Bernard Amadei, Ph.D., the founding president of Engineers Without Borders-USA, will be the featured keynote speaker at the 2007 ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress, Nov. 11-15, in Seattle. Amadei, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder, will speak on the topic of engineering innovation, particularly as it relates to sustainable solutions for needy populations in developing and underdeveloped countries of the world. He will discuss the shift in engineering education and practice called Earth Systems Engineering, aimed at creating interaction between engineering applications and the Earth's natural systems. The keynote session will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 PM at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. All Congress attendees are encouraged to attend.

Online registration for the 2007 ASME Congress is now open. To register or for more information about Congress activities and events, visit <http://www.asmeconferences.org/congress07/>

## **ASME IGTI to hold 2007 Gas Turbine Users Symposium in New Orleans**

The International Gas Turbine Institute of ASME will conduct the 2007 GTUS, Dec. 11-13, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The symposium provides a forum for end-users to exchange ideas and share best practices regarding the operation and maintenance of industrial gas turbines and aero-engines. GTUS will co-locate with the 2007 Power-Gen International conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. GTUS registrants will receive access to all sessions in the 3-day symposium, as well as admission to Power-Gen and a complimentary copy of the conference proceedings on compact disk. GTUS will deliver practical information and provide an opportunity for engineers and other technical professionals to learn about solutions to problems shared in the global gas turbine industry. For more information or to register visit the web site at <http://www.asmeconferences.org/gtus07/>



The **ASME Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Board (VOBB)** is a tool designed to help volunteer leaders promote local Section and Society-wide volunteer positions. It is also used to help link volunteers with opportunities for involvement in all areas of the society. Opportunities for involvement include standards development, pre-college outreach and educational activities, government relations, and the development of new products, programs and more.

Volunteer leaders are encouraged to use the VOBB as a recruitment tool. If your ASME group is looking for a few good volunteers to share their passion and make meaningful contributions, contact Deidra Hackley at [hackleyd@asme.org](mailto:hackleyd@asme.org) or visit [http://volunteer.asme.org/vobb/Post\\_Volunteer\\_Opportunity.cfm](http://volunteer.asme.org/vobb/Post_Volunteer_Opportunity.cfm). For more information on posting or applying for a position on the VOBB visit <http://volunteer.asme.org/> or e-mail [bookert@asme.org](mailto:bookert@asme.org).

### **Changing the Face of Engineering: Diversity Action Grant Applications Now Being Accepted**

Do you know of a Student Section doing some good work? Diversity Action Grant (DAG) applications are now being accepted from ASME student sections for the 2007-08 academic year. Student Sections located outside the United States, or collaborative projects with international partners, are strongly urged to apply.

The DAG Program, supported by the Center for Leadership and Diversity, is a competitive program which awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to ASME Student Sections to sponsor events that:

- Promote the inclusion of women and under-represented minorities in ASME Student Sections and in mechanical engineering;
- Inspire K-12 students to excel in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education; and,
- Assist minority- and women-owned businesses in solving engineering design problems.

In addition, applications should promote collaboration with other organizations on campus or within the community, cost sharing of associated expenses, and a method for measuring the success of the project.

**DEADLINE:** Nov. 1. Apply Today!  
[www.asme.org/Communities/Diversity/Diversity\\_Action\\_Grant.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Communities/Diversity/Diversity_Action_Grant.cfm), or contact Marina Stenos at [stenosm@asme.org](mailto:stenosm@asme.org).

### **ASME Offers Members Chance to have their Voices Heard During the CNN/YouTube Sponsored Presidential Debate on Nov. 25th, 2007**

On Sunday, Nov. 11, as part of the International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE) the Government Relations Department of ASME will be providing members with the opportunity to register online with YouTube in order to formulate questions to ask the Presidential candidates as they debate policy issues live on CNN as part of "You Choose '08." This unique opportunity will allow ASME have their voice heard in front of the nation and possibly drive discussion as the U.S. prepares to elect a new President. The debate is formatted so that candidates answer videotaped questions from people.

This idea was originally conceived after ASME Member and former Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) intern Chris Deal decided to videotape a question for this debate related to global climate change and the possible policy implications of this issue. To view Deal's video please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTr2rQzoACI> For more examples, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/youchoose>.

For submission guidelines or to create a YouTube account, visit: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

Questions are due by Sunday, Nov. 25, and you will be submitting your video as an individual, facilitated but not necessarily endorsed by ASME. Members who choose to submit questions are encouraged, but not required, to ask questions pertinent to the interests of ASME and those of mechanical engineers at large.

### **Early Career Engineer Essay Competition**

The Old Guard Committee of ASME invites you to participate in an Early Career Engineer Essay Competition. The competition was developed to engage early career engineers in communicating advice and guidance based on your own personal/professional experiences and your relationship with ASME to new ME/MET graduates. The winning essay will be posted on the ASME Early Career website and the author will receive \$1,000 and a lifetime ASME membership.

For complete details visit:  
[http://www.asme.org/Communities/EarlyCareer/Old\\_Guard\\_Early\\_Career.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Communities/EarlyCareer/Old_Guard_Early_Career.cfm)

**A four-day career enhancement program for early-career engineers, Nov. 9–12, 2007 Seattle Sheraton, Seattle, Washington** (held in conjunction with the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition)

**Nov. 9: Innovation Showcase**

Become inspired at the I-Show, where 10 top collegiate student teams present their technological innovations to a judging panel of successful innovators, industry experts, venture capitalists, and intellectual property specialists for the ultimate reward: industry recognition and seed funds to move onto the next step in commercialization.

**Nov. 10: Invention to Venture Workshop**

Designed for the science, engineering, and technology communities, the 'I2V' is a one-day "entrepreneurship boot camp" that teaches technology entrepreneurship basics, helps build networks, and provides a framework for moving ideas forward. Topics include idea validation, intellectual property management, marketing, building the team, creating a business plan, and financing your idea.

**Nov. 11: Early Career Forum & Fair**

The Early Career Forum & Fair provides an outstanding opportunity to learn the skills necessary to get on the fast track of your engineering career. Industry experts offer key advice on how to advance in both technical and management areas. You have the opportunity to ask specific questions about your career goals.

**Nov. 12: Early Career Development Series**

The Early Career Development Series (ECDS) offers five dynamic sessions covering an array of engineering topics. The 2007 ECDS will focus on such pivotal topics as alternative energies, patents and intellectual property, aerospace design, engineering entrepreneurship, and government funding for engineering research.

For complete details, updates, and to register for the Early Career Forum & Fair and other early career programs, visit [www.asmeconferences.org/ecf07](http://www.asmeconferences.org/ecf07)

**Are YOU the New Face of Mechanical Engineering?**

Aimed at promoting the up and coming innovators of the engineering profession, the New Faces of Engineering (a program of the E- Week celebration) is currently accepting nominations for 2008.

The New Faces of Engineering strives to promote the accomplishments of early career engineers by highlighting their engineering contributions and the resulting impact on society. The top individual New Faces will be featured in a full-page ad in USA Today during Engineers Week, Feb. 17-23, 2008. Each photo will be captioned with the engineer's name, name of the engineering society providing the nominee, employer and a brief statement of that individual's accomplishments as they relate to the public welfare.

Nominate someone (or yourself) today! DEADLINE: Nov. 19, 2007. Check out last year's New Faces: <http://www.eweek.org/site/Engineers/newfaces2007/index.shtml>, or contact Marina Stenos at [stenosm@asme.org](mailto:stenosm@asme.org).

**Advancing Your Career With ASME PPC**

The ASME Professional Practice Curriculum (PPC) is an online resource designed to help you advance in the engineering profession by providing guidance and resources on subjects that complement an engineers technical skills.

The PPC consists of 42 modules on topics ranging from product development and writing cost proposals to team building and negotiation. The PPC also provides information on alternative engineering career paths such as patent law, marketing and sales, and entrepreneurship.

To get started, please visit [www.professionalpractice.asme.org](http://www.professionalpractice.asme.org).



## Universities Need Your Valuable Perspective!

Applications are being accepted through **Oct. 15** for ASME/ABET Program Evaluators.

Program Evaluators contribute to the continuous improvement of Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Technology, or related degree programs by evaluating them against a set of criteria related to faculty, facilities, curriculum, and other key program areas. In doing so, you will be helping to assure the quality of undergraduate degree programs and the students graduating from those programs. Serving on an assessment team for a degree program is very professionally and personally rewarding and a great way of supporting the future advancement of the engineering profession.

### Desired Qualifications:

- Demonstrate an interest in undergraduate education.
- Demonstrate desired competencies outlined in ABET's Competency Model
- Have at least one degree in mechanical engineering, mechanical engineering technology, or a closely related discipline. Graduate degree preferred.
- 10+ years of work experience. Management experience a plus.
- ASME member or willingness to become a member prior to applying to serve as an evaluator

To complete an application and for more information, please visit

[http://www.asme.org/Education/College/ABET/Become\\_Evaluator.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Education/College/ABET/Become_Evaluator.cfm)

ASME is committed to increasing the range of valuable perspectives that comes from having a diverse cadre of program evaluators. As such, we especially encourage minorities, women, and engineers working in industry or government to apply. Contact Amy Bentow, manager, Education, at [bentowa@asme.org](mailto:bentowa@asme.org) or 212-591-7880 with additional questions.

## Made a Difference in Engineering Education?

Do you know an individual or entity (e.g. company, organization, institution, etc.) that has contributed to engineering education in a significant way? If so, consider nominating them for one of the following society awards:

The **Frank von Flue Award**, established in 2002, recognizes significant contributions by an individual or a group to the promotion of lifelong learning for mechanical engineers. Lifelong learning is defined as the continued process of education and/or professional development, following a post-secondary education degree, to maintain the competence and flexibility of mechanical engineers throughout their career. Contributions may include assessment, development, distribution or promotion of materials for lifelong learning via appropriate mechanisms, such as professional development or university extension courses and programmed or self-paced learning.

The **Ben C. Sparks Medal**, established in 1990, is presented annually to a mechanical engineer for recognition of eminent service to mechanical engineering technology education through contributions toward ASME; towards higher education professional service; and towards the teaching and/or research faculty roles in mechanical engineering and mechanical engineering technology. Candidates must have a record of outstanding performance in all of three areas: a broad range of contributions to ASME; dedicated efforts and a record of achievements in the advancement of engineering education and engineering technology education; and contributions, over an extended period of time, to the positive support, recognition, or interaction of mechanical engineering technology and mechanical engineering programs, their faculties, or students.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 1, 2008. For more information and a nomination package, please visit: <http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/>

## **VOTE NOW !!**

***The Future of ASME is in your hands!!!***

Information about nominees for Society Office for terms beginning in June 2008 is now available online.  
[http://www.asme.org/Governance/Nominating/Selections\\_By\\_2007\\_Nominating.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Governance/Nominating/Selections_By_2007_Nominating.cfm)

Ballots are included in the Sept. 2007 Issue of ME Magazine and are due back no later than Oct. 24, 2007.

***You have the power to shape the future of ASME!!***

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During the Annual Meeting in June 2008, the Nominating Committee will evaluate candidates, deliberate and nominate individuals from our Society for the following offices:

President , Board of Governors - 3 to be elected, Vice President  
Education – Centers Sector  
Safety Codes & Standards – Codes and Standards Sector  
Conformity Assessment – Codes and Standards Sector  
International Gas Turbine Institutes – Institutes Sector  
Programs & Activities – Knowledge and Community Sector  
Technical Communities – Knowledge and Community Sector  
Government Relations – Strategic Management Sector

Terms of office for the positions voted above will begin in June 2009. Please evaluate individuals in your unit of ASME as possible nominees for the officer positions in your Sector. You may also wish to consider potential nominees for the offices of President and the three Board of Governor positions.

In addition, during the business meeting of the Annual Meeting in June 2008, the Voting and Alternate Members for the 2009 Nominating Committee will be elected.

The Nominating Committee is now smaller than previously, and it is crucial that each segment of the Society be represented in the selection process by a highly qualified Nominating Committee Member.  
Please identify members to represent your sector.

For further information please contact RuthAnn Bigley at 212.591.7650 or [bigleyr@asme.org](mailto:bigleyr@asme.org).

### **Local Section Clean-up**

The Metropolitan State College of Denver chapter of the ASME will be performing a service project on the 6th of October, 2007. The project is going to be the clean-up of the Left Hand Canyon shooting area. This ¼ mile canyon stretch is covered in trash and shells from people irresponsibly bringing their refuse, shooting it, and leaving it there. In its current state, the shooting area is an example of the social abuse of nature. Many of our members have grown up using this shooting area, and are quite distressed to see it in such a state. As members of the MSCD chapter of the ASME, but more importantly, members of our community, we see it as an opportunity to step forward, not only to clean the area, but also to promote responsible use of the shooting area. Work shall begin at 8am and be finished by 4pm of the same day. We would like to invite all other ASME members to this project. We will be providing a 15yd roll-off dumpster, food, and some water for the project. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact Michael Long Programs Director, ASME; Metro State College, [Longm3@asme.org](mailto:Longm3@asme.org) 253-302-1472