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PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S ENGINEERING CHALLENGES - TODAY!



The 2008 ASME Annual Meeting will be held June 7-11, at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The theme of this year's event is "Innovative Partnering: Interdisciplinary Challenges to Designing the Future." The 5-day event will feature three plenary sessions, moderated by Michael Rogers, futurist-in-residence at the New York Times Company, with panelists of senior executives from such companies as Boeing, IBM and Westinghouse Electric. There will also be a broad range of workshops led by top executives, academics, futurists and venture capitalists as well as professional development and training opportunities including a Career Expo. Also, enjoy a golf outing and a charity 5K walk/run.

To learn more and register, go to www.asmeconferences.org/annualmeeting08.

Notes from the Arkansas Executive Counsel

Opportunities for Involvement

For those of you that would like to get more involved in ASME, positions are coming available to serve within the Arkansas Chapter.

The opportunities that are available include a position on the Executive Counsel as well as various Committee Chair positions. More information including specific positions will be available next month, but please consider these opportunities.

If you are interested, know of someone that should be interested, or would like additional information, please email Paul Tharp at Paul.Tharp@alcoa.com with the name and contact information of the interested individual or questions that you might have about these opportunities.

Upcoming Professional Development Course

A Professional Development Course is being scheduled for the end of May. More specific information will be provided in next month's letter, but be planning on joining fellow members in continuing your technical education.

ASME Membership

Thank you to all of the members who made voluntary donations to our section when you renewed your membership! Please be assured your donations will be put to good use in supporting our local programs.

Don't forget to renew your ASME Membership for the upcoming year! The membership year runs from **October 1 to the following September 30**. If dues have not been received by **December 31**, members become inactive and service will cease till dues are received.

If you have any questions or would like to renew today, visit www.asme.org/Membership or call 1-800-THE-ASME (800-843-2763).

TURBO EXPO 2008 – BERLIN



Plan now to participate in ASME Turbo Expo 2008, to be held June 9-13, at the Estrel Berlin Hotel & Convention Center in Berlin, Germany. ASME TURBO EXPO brings together the best and the brightest in the worldwide gas turbine community to present the newest developments and discuss global issues affecting the industry. The conference will feature an expanded 5-day Technical Congress with sessions, tutorials and panel discussions, and a 3-day exposition showcasing the products and services of engine manufacturers, software developers, research laboratories, and other firms in the worldwide power industry. Presented by the ASME International Gas Turbine Institute, Turbo Expo will include a keynote session with industry leaders and several facility tours of companies located in the Berlin area. Online registration for Turbo Expo 2008 is now open. For more details, visit the Web site at <http://asmeconferences.org/TE08/index.cfm>, or call 800-843-2763.

Inspiring Engineering Diversity

Engineer Your Life (EYL) and the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) are teaming up with ASME at dozens of college fairs for high school students throughout the United States. The EYL campaign has developed, tested and is now providing messages and materials to promote engineering to college-bound high school girls. Volunteers are encouraged to become part of the campaign by participating in the fairs. EYL fair exhibits are designed to break down commonly held perceptions about engineering and encourage girls to consider it as a college and career option. Interested in helping out? Contact Marina Stenos at stenosm@asme.org for more information.



Undergraduate/Graduate student teams wanted! Innovative, creative, entrepreneurial students enrolled during the Spring 2008 semester are need for participation in the 2008 I•Show, (held in conjunction with the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition.

Striving to produce the next “big thing,” participating student teams work to develop technologies and innovations with raw enthusiasm and commitment. Once those innovations are fostered, the student teams are eager for the next step: product assessment and commercialization.

We’ve Got Your Back

I•Show provides the full experience of technology product commercialization, bridging the gap between engineering school practicum to business school theories. In partnership with the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA), successful teams will attend *Invention to Venture* workshops and learn about technology commercialization and business plan development.

Additionally, teams will be matched with local entrepreneurs and experts based on their areas of expertise to help refine their product, develop a business model and elevator pitch.

Your Reward – Access to Over \$20K in Seed Funds

Ultimately, successful teams will compete at I•Show 2008 in Boston, Mass., presenting their technological innovation to a judging panel of successful innovators, industry experts, venture capitalists, and intellectual property specialists. Focusing on product innovation and commercialization, teams with the most creative yet feasible ideas will be rewarded with industry recognition and seed funds.

The deadline for the Team Application Process is April 15, 2008. Visit www.asme.org/events/ishow for complete details.

ASME ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2008-09 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIPS

ASME is currently accepting applications for the following Federal Government Fellowship positions:

Congressional Fellowships

ASME is accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in serving as a 2008-09 Congressional Fellow. The Federal Fellows program enables selected ASME members to spend one year in Washington, D.C. working with the staff of a congressional committee, U.S. senator or U.S. Representative. Federal Government Fellowships provide a valuable public service to the nation while providing engineers with a unique opportunity to participate directly in the policy making process. Congressional Fellows may serve from September 2008 through August 2009 - or January 2009 through December 2009 - at their option. The deadline to submit an application for the Congressional Fellowship is April 1, 2008.

Department of Commerce Fellowship

ASME is also accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in serving a year at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Manufacturing and Services (MAS) Office of Standards Liaison (OSL). The Fellow will work with U.S. stakeholders involved in the standardization process, including individual companies, industry associations, standards developing organizations, and the American National Standards Institute on trade-related standards issues affecting U.S. competitiveness, innovation and growth. OSL works on issues involving all sectors and in all overseas markets, although there is a greater focus on emerging and technology-related sectors and critical markets such as Europe and China. Applicants for this position must have strong technical, interpersonal, organizational, and oral and written communication skills, as well as substantive knowledge or experience in an industry sector and the standardization process. The start date for the DOC fellowship is flexible.

A stipend of \$55,000 will be awarded to each Fellow for the year. All Fellowship applicants must be a U.S. citizen and an ASME member at the time of application. The following credentials are encouraged: At least five years of professional experience, an advanced engineering degree, professional engineer registration, and some public policy experience. An online application is available at <https://secure.asme.org/fedgovfellows/appform.cfm>

For additional information about the Federal Fellows program, visit http://www.asme.org/NewsPublicPolicy/GovRelations/Programs/Federal_Government.cfm or contact Kathryn Holmes, director, ASME Government Relations, at holmesk@asme.org or 202/785-7390.

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.

Early Career Grant Funding Available

Submit an application **today** to receive additional funding for your district-held Early Career Technical Conference and/or Early Career Forum for your units or sectors. Complete details for both grants can be found at <http://www.asme.org/Communities/EarlyCareer/>.

The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2008**. Contact: Cheryl Hasan hasanc@asme.org for more information.

Become A Mentor Today! Ementoring Opportunities for Early Career Engineers.

Mentors are a great way to gain knowledge and learn from the experiences of experts in your field. ASME offers an e-mentoring service right at your fingers!

To learn more and sign up for mentors, log onto http://www.asme.org/jobs/mentoring/Ementoring_Early_Career.cfm or contact Noel Netel at neteln@asme.org.

2008 EWB-USA Conference Features Sustainable Engineering and Global Health

Register now for the 2008 Engineers Without Borders - USA Annual International Conference, March 27-30, 2008, at the University of Washington, Seattle Campus. This year's theme is: "Sustainable Engineering and Global Health"

The EWB-USA 2008 International Conference includes the following highlights:

Thursday, March 27 - Welcome Reception hosted by University of Washington's College of Engineering

Friday, March 28 - Keynote Speaker on Global Health: William Gates, Sr., Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Saturday, March 29 - Engineering and Sustainable Practices: International Banquet

Sunday, March 30 - Bernard Amadei, EWB-USA Founder, Plenary Speaker

Panel Discussions, Specialized Workshops, Project Presentations, Displays, Networking, and MORE! For more information and registration, please go to:

www.ewb-usa.org/ConferenceInfo.php

Join us for the 2nd Annual European Bioprocess Technology Seminars and Exhibition in Stockholm!

Plan to attend the 2nd Annual European Bioprocess Technology Seminars and Exhibition from June 23-25, 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden! Featuring 6 cutting edge seminars, this conference will provide in-depth coverage of timely industry topics such as bioreactor design, purification process development, aseptic fill and finish, equipment design, disposables technology and systems maintenance and operations.

Each seminar is lead by a panel of industry experts who will discuss the latest advances, case studies and best practices.

The expert panel will include representatives from Amgen, Biogen, GE Healthcare Life Sciences, CRB, ABEC, LifeTek Solutions, Baxter, Fluor Corp, Merck and many more.

The conference will also include a keynote, tabletop exhibits, plant tours and opportunities for networking!

Sponsorships are also available. For more information on the European Bioprocess Technology Seminars, visit

www.asmeconferences.org/bioprocessEurope08 or contact

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Thinking about your career? Visit ASME's Career Center!

Are you thinking about making some major career changes? Perhaps you are looking for a new job, finding out what you are worth, raising your profile at work or networking with other engineers to expand your career opportunities? ASME can help you energize your career this year with a variety of member benefits.

Find a job, build your resume or get advice at ASME's Online Career Center, the only job board dedicated exclusively to Mechanical Engineers. Find out what you're worth by taking the ASME Salary Survey, and get a basic report on how your salary compares to other engineers in your region, field or experience level.

Visit the ASME Career Center and Professional benefits pages at <http://www.asme.org/Jobs/> to access these and other career-related benefits

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