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Chapter News

Chicago Chapter

1987-1988 Chapter Officers

The election of officers and executive committee members for the Chicago Chapter of the IEEE Reliability Society was held on May 21, 1987 at the Annual Awards Banquet and Election of Officers. The meeting was at the Midway Motor Lodge, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

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CONGRATULATIONS! and best wishes for the coming year.

The Chicago Chapter is planning an ambitious program for the year. Volunteers are needed. Your assistance will ensure its success. Contact any officer for further information.

Central New England Council

The New England Chapter IEEE Reliability Chapter started its year in August with an Executive Committee Meeting during which the upcoming years calendar of activities was discussed. It looks like it will be a busy year with our schedule of Monthly Meetings, Fall Lecture Series, and Spring Seminar.

We welcome two new members of the Committee: Joe Bradely from Dynamics Research, and Don Markuson from Prime Computer. The organization is continually looking for "New Blood" from diverse companies and we welcome interested professionals to become active in the organization.

Our first Monthly Meeting was held on Sept 16, 1987 at the Hanscom AFB Officers Club. The speaker was Mr. John Muretore from GTE Sylvania who gave an excellent talk on MBI implications to Reliability and Logistics. A capacity audience asked a number of interesting questions.

The Chapter's Fall lecture Series started in October. The Lecturer is Mr. Gene Carrubba, Director of Reliability, for Codex Corporation in Canton, MA. The topic this year is Product Assurance Principles. The series of four Lectures is being attended by fifty five engineers.

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IEEE Symposium on Nuclear Power Systems

San Francisco, California - October 21-23, 1987

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers is holding the Symposium on Nuclear Power Systems in conjunction with the Nuclear Science Symposium at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco on October 21-23, 1987. The general scope is timely engineering concerns related to the modernization and present activity within electrical, control and instrumentation systems at nuclear generating stations. This Symposium program is probably the largest and most pertinent to nuclear plant operations in today's environment.

There will be a complete and special session on major reactor safety issues covering source term, risk assessment, human cognitive reliability and related papers and it is organized by the Electric Power Research Institute. The Symposium will also emphasize operations-maintenance with papers covering configuration management, safety parameter display systems, expert systems, and related subjects, all of which are of current major interest.

Also of particular importance is a session that will pre-

sent a complete update of nuclear standards work in progress by a special panel from the Nuclear Power Engineering Committee of the Power Engineering Society. The panel will also discuss more generic issues including plant life extensions, recent computer applications and software, station blackout resolution, and more.

Registration also permits access to all activities of the Nuclear Science Symposium, the technical exhibits of nuclear instrumentation equipment and also provides an invaluable opportunity to associate informally with the R&D oriented group working on advanced projects that will be in attendance at the Symposium.

The General Chairman may be reached for more details or a request to be placed on the mailing list for advance programs to be distributed in the late summer:

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Conference Calendar

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1987			
Oct. 5-7	8th SRE-Symposium	Helsingor, Denmark	Kurt E. Petersen RISO National Laboratory DK-4000 Roskilde 02 37 12 12 ext. 5533
Oct. 6-7	Product Assurance Forum '87	Dover, NJ	Sid Markowitz Registration Chairman U.S. Army Picatinny Arsenal Bldg. 62 Dover, NJ 07801-5001 (202) 724-2378
Oct. 13-16	IV International Conference on Reliability and Exploitation of Computer Systems Relcomex '87	Wroctaw, Poland	Prof. Wojciech Zamojski Relcomex '87 Wroctaw Technical University Institute of Engineering Cybernetics Janiszewskiego Str 11/17 50-372 Wroctaw, Poland Tel. 21-26-77/

Oct. 19-21	International Symposium on Physical and Failure Analysis of Integrated Circuits	Singapore	Daniel S. H. Chan Electrical Engineering Dept. National University of Singapore Kent Ridge, Singapore 0511 Republic of Singapore Telex: RS33943 UNISPO
Oct. 21-23	IEEE Symposium on Nuclear Power Systems	San Francisco, CA	J. Forster Quadrex Corporation 1700 Dell Avenue Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 370-4202
Nov. 3-5	AUTOTESTCON '87	San Francisco, CA	Mr. Ted Parker, Chairman AUTOTESTCON Power-One Switching Products 833 Flynn Road Camarillo, CA 93010-8702 (805) 482-0757
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Jan. 26-28	Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium	Los Angeles, CA	Al Plait Mantech Support Technology, Inc. 2320 Mill Road Alexandria, VA 22314
Mar. 7-9	National Conference and Workshop on Reliability Growth	Cambridge, MA	Dr. Larry Crow Technical Program Chr. AT&T Bell Laboratories Whippany Road Whippany, NJ 07981 (201) 386-4682
Apr. 12-14	1988 International Reliability Physics Symposium	Monterey, CA	H. C. Jones Westinghouse Corp. Baltimore, MD (301) 765-7387
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 - Wafer-level
 - Accelerated stress
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NEW SYMPOSIUM FEATURES

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- The symposium papers will be submitted for publication review and, if accepted, will appear in a new and special Reliability Section of the IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices.
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What's Happening? A Review of Assurance Developments for the Future

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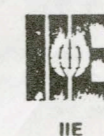
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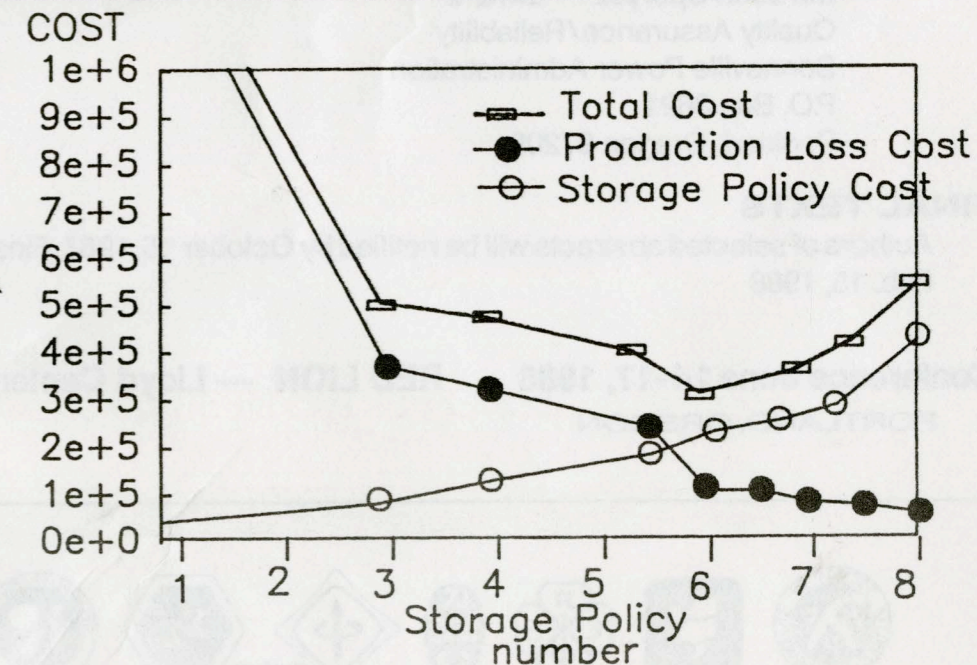
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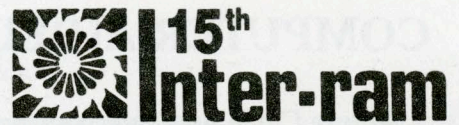
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