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SCV LEOS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3

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SCV Lasers & Electro Optics Society Subject: Histophysics: What Physicists and Historians Can Do Together

Speaker: Prof. Lui Lam (San Jose State University)
Time: Pizza social at 7:00 p.m., presentation at 8:00
Place: National Semiconductor Credit Union Large Auditorium, 955 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale
RSVP: RSVP@silicavalley.com)

> Histophysics: What Physicists and Historians Can Do Together

History is the most important discipline of study. The system investigated in history is a many-body system consisting of biological material bodies, Homo sapiens, and hence can be studied scientifically. Prof. Lui Lam, Department of Physics, San Jose State University, will discuss this topic at the February 3 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley LEOS chapter.

The unique role physicists can play in advancing the science of human history will be presented. Prof. Lam will discuss the methods of study in history; worldviews; modeling history as a complex, dynamical system; predicting the future and retrodicting the past; and artificial history. In particular, active walk is shown to provide the foundation for a new worldview, and found to be widely applicable in modeling history, as illustrated by three examples from economic, evolutionary and social histories, respectively.

Dr. Lui Lam did his thesis at Bell Labs and earned his PhD from Columbia University. He invented bowlics (1982), one of three existing types of liquid crystals in the world; active walks (1992), a new paradigm in complex systems; and a new discipline called histophysics (2002). Prof. Lam has published ten books and over 150 scientific papers. He is the founder of the International Liquid Crystal Society, and the founder and editor-in-chief of the Springer books series Partially Ordered Systems. His current interest is in complex systems and histophysics.

SF Power Engineering Society WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4

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SF Power Engineering Society Subject: **An Overview of Superconducting Cables** Speaker: Michael McCarthy (American Superconductors) Fee: \$4 - lunch will be provided Time: 12:00 Noon Place: PG&E Building, 77 Beale Street, Conference Room 300, San Francisco RVSP:(by February 2) <u>bxr0@pge.com</u> or Bhaskar Ray. 415 973-0582 Web: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/san_francisco/ <u>sfpes.htm</u>

An Overview of Superconducting Cables

Superconductors lose all resistance to the flow of direct electrical current and nearly all resistance to the flow of alternating current (AC) when cooled below a critical temperature, which is different for each superconducting material.

The initial discovery of superconductive materials was made in 1911. Before 1986, the critical temperatures for all known superconductors did not exceed 23 Kelvin (23 K or -418 degrees Fahrenheit). The primary applications of superconductivity have been magnetic resonance imaging and superconducting magnetic energy storage applications because commercially available superconductors need to be cooled to near 0 K.

American Superconductors (<u>AMSC</u>) is a developer and manufacturer of high temperature superconductor (HTS) wire. HTS operate from 20 to 77 K. AMSC's first generation HTS wire, based on a multi-filamentary composite architecture, is capable of carrying over 140 times the power of copper wires of the same dimensions. HTS AC power cables are used for the transmission and distribution of electricity.

HTS power cables can be strategically placed in the grid to draw flow away from overtaxed conventional cables or overhead lines, thereby relieving network congestion. Co-axial and tri-axial HTS power cables are low environmental impact because they emit

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no electro-magnetic fields, their compact design reduces or eliminates the disruption caused by the cable construction and installation activities and they use no oil, which is used to cool some conventional power cables.

Michael McCarthy will discuss AMSC's first generation HTS cable at the February 4 meeting of the San Francisco Power Engineering Society. The cable is used for a variety of applications including power cables, motors, generators, and specialty magnets. He will also provide a preview of AMSC second generation HTS wire. This cable is scheduled to be available in commercial quantities in the next few years. It is also expected to cost two to five times less than first generation HTS wire and will significantly broaden the market for HTS-based products and applications.

Mr. McCarthy is sales director in the Advanced Grid Solutions business unit of AMSC. Prior to joining AMSC in 2001, he worked GE Osmonics, Stone & Webster Engineers and Constructors, and Honeywell. Mr. McCarthy earned a BSME from North Dakota State University.

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IEEE IAS

The 11th Annual IEEE Industry Applications Society Electrical Safety Workshop will be held February 10-13 at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Oakland. Full details of the this workshop and online registration is available at www.ewh.ieee.org/cmte/ias-esw/

For the first time, there will be parallel sessions on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, as a way to enable attendees to better customize their Workshop experience. An optional Friday afternoon tutorial is scheduled on the 2004 Edition of NFPA70E, The Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces.

SCV EMC TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

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SCV Electromagnetic Compatibility Society Subject: **Signal Detection with EMI Receivers** Speaker:Werner Schaefer (Cisco Systems, Inc.) Time: Social at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: Applied Materials Bowers Cafe, 3090 Bowers, Santa Clara RSVP: Not required

Signal Detection with EMI Receivers

Werner Schaefer will be the speaker for the February 10 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley EMC Chapter. He will discuss how the sweep time settings for a scanning receiver or the dwell time for a stepping receiver will affect the probability of intercept of broadband and narrow-band signals. An interpretation of the expected test results on the receiver display is also provided, together with an explanation of the limitations of test equipment. The impact of frequency versus receiver display resolution on signal detection is explained as well as the available receiver display detection modes and their appropriate use and limitations.

In addition, the different receiver IF detectors, per CISPR 16-1-1, are presented and their hardware implementation, purpose and correct use are explained. Some EMI receiver specifications, as contained in CISPR 16-1-1 are discussed at the end of the presentation. This will also include a discussion of specifications like dynamic range and IF bandwidth specifications which are not called out in the standard.

Werner Schaefer is a quality manager and senior compliance engineer at Cisco Systems Corporate Compliance Center in San Jose. He has 19 years of EMC experience, including EMI test system and software design, EMI test method development and EMI standards development. He currently is the secretary of CISPR/A, the chairman of CISPR/A/WG1 and a member of CISPR/A/WG2 and CISPR/H, ANSI C63, SC1/3/6, and serves as an A2LA lead assessor for EMI and wireless testing and RF/ microwave calibration laboratories. He is also a NARTE certified EMC engineer and a RAB certified quality systems lead auditor.

SCV CPMT WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11 SCV CPMT Subject: Itanium 2 Package Development

Tradeoffs Speaker: Kevin Haley (Intel) Time: Seated dinner (vegetarian available) at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7:30 Place: Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Ave (Fwy 101 frontage road, between Lawrence Expressway and Great America Parkway), Sunnyvale, (800 888-3899) Cost: (dinner) \$25 - register and prepay for dinner (\$25) in one step from your PayPal account or credit card RSVP: cpmt.scv.sec@ieee.org - reserve for

presentation-only if not attending the dinner.

Itanium 2 Package Development and Tradeoffs

SCV CPMT Itanium 2 Package Development Tradeoffs

The Pentium II package design evolved from the needs of the silicon, non-silicon product features and the capabilities of available packaging technologies. This presentation by Intel's Kevin Haley will look at the major feature drivers and trade-offs made during the design cycle.

Kevin Haley is a packaging manager at Intel Corporation in the Enterprise Platforms Group and was responsible for the mechanical design of the Itanium 2 package, socket, heatsink and processor voltage regulator. Previously Mr. Haley led package design teams for the 8038SL Processor, the 80486SL Processor, the Mobile Pentium TCP tape carrier package, the Mobile Pentium Module and the Mobile Pentium II cartridge. He received a BS mechanical engineering from the University of Washington in 1981, and has been issued 18 U.S. patents.

SCV MTT THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

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SCV Microwave Theory & Techniques Society Subject: MMIC Chip-Set for 60GHz Radio Links Speaker: Dr. Kohei Fujii (Agilent Technologies) Time: Refreshments and social at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: Agilent Technologies, Bldg 50 L, Santa Cruz Conference Room. 5301 Stevens Creek Blvd., Santa Clara RSVP: Not required

MMIC Chip Set for 60GHz Radio Links

Dr. Kohei Fujii will be the speaker for the February 12 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley MTT Chapter. His talk describes the development of a MMIC chipset for 60GHz radio links and radars. The chipset includes a low noise amplifier, an image rejection mixer, a frequency quadrupler, and a power amplifier. All were optimized to work together as a 1-Gbit/s radio link in the unlicensed 59GHz to 64GHz wireless band, although most are suitable for any application from 55GHz to 70GHz. These MMICs are fabricated in Agilent's advanced e-beam PHEMT process and have been demonstrated in fully operational 1-Gbit/s radio-links in field testing.

Kohei Fujii received his Doctor of Engineering degree from the University of Electro-Communications, Tokyo, Japan, in 2000. He joined Japan Radio Company in 1980 where he worked on the research and development of MMICs. In 2001, he joined Agilent Technologies in San Jose, where he has been involved in the research and development of mm-wave MMICs.

Consultants THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

IEEE Consultants Network of Silicon Valley Subject: Five Ways to Ruin a Development Project Speaker: John V. Levy (John Levy Consulting) Time: Networking at 7:00 p.m., presentation at 7:30 Place: Sheraton Hotel, 1100 North Matilda Avenue, Sunnyvale (408 745-6000) RSVP: Not required (seating is limited arrive early)

Five Ways to Ruin a Development Project

Most obstacles to successful product development are not technical, but managerial. Development projects can be undermined by a variety of obstacles created by managers and missteps made by managers - and their consultants. Here are five principles you can use to insure that your next project fails: 1. Wait 'til you see where I put it! Geographical obstacles.

2. The manager is WHO? Managers and incompetence.

3. Who are the bozos next door? Teams and competition.

4. Don't fire anyone! Maintaining headcount at all costs.

5. Don't change the toolset! New methods as subversive action.

None of us want to contribute to the failure of our projects. Join us on February 17 to learn what John Levy has to say to help clients avoid catastrophes on their development projects. He will leave plenty of time for questions, and you will leave with pratical tips on this valuable topic.

John Levy is well qualified to speak on this topic. He has been a management consultant since 1982. He provides services to high-tech firms including project & team evaluation and diagnosis; project management and leadership coaching; and expert witness and intellectual property services. He specializes in product development organizations where both hardware and software are involved.

John earned a PhD in computer science from Stanford University, and holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering. His industrial background includes engineering management with Quantum Corporation, Apple Computer, Tandem Computers, and Digital Equipment Corporation. He holds seven patents on computer bus design and has published numerous articles. His latest publication is an article in EDN (Nov. 13, 2003), titled, "If Extreme Programming is Good Management, What Were We Doing Before?"

A Certified Management Consultant (CMC), John Levy is currently web site administrator for the Institute of Management Consultants USA College of CMCs. Dr. Levy co-produces an hour-long radio show, West Marin Tech, broadcast weekly on KWMR, 90.5 FM, in Point Reyes Station, California.

SCV EMB WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

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SCV Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society Subject: **Cell-based Biosensor Systems for Toxin Detection and Drug Discovery** Speaker: Gregory T. A. Kovacs, MD, PhD (Stanford) Time: Dinner at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:30 Place: Dinner in the Stanford Hospital Cafeteria, presentation in Room M114 of the Stanford Medical School RSVP: Not required

Cell-based Biosensor Systems for Toxin Detection and Drug Discovery

For many years, researchers have been able to grow living cells on integrated circuit substrates, and their qualitative responses to pharmaceutical agents have long been demonstrated. Little work, though, has been done to use this technology in realistic, repeatable, and quantitative instruments. Complete sensor systems can now be built that include full microenvironments for the cells and are field portable. These instruments include the sensor-containing substrates on which cells are grown, sensors for closed-loop microincubator control, dual cell chambers (for control and test samples), and all of the necessary fluidic interfaces.

Cultured cells can be transported into the field and maintained in a sterile environment essentially identical to that found in a conventional incubator. These technologies can be applied not only to the detection of chemical and biological warfare agents, but also to the discovery of new pharmaceuticals.

Gregory T. A. Kovacs will address this topic at the February 18 meeting of the Santa Clara Vlley Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society. His presentation will cover advances in the areas of cellular/electronic interfaces, engineered cells, signal interpretation algorithms, and system integration leading to the development and field testing of a self-contained, hand-held cell-based biosensor.

Dr. Kovacs is an associate professor of electrical eEngineering at Stanford University with a courtesy appointment in the Department of Medicine. His present research areas include biomedical instruments and sensors, miniaturized spaceflight hardware, and biotechnology. In addition, Dr. Kovacs is the director of medical device technologies for the Astrobionics Program at the NASA Ames Research Center, and for the Stanford-NASA National Biocomputation Center.

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He helps direct a variety of projects spanning wearable physiologic monitors, biosensor instruments for detection of chemical and biological warfare agents and space biology applications, and free-flyer experiment payloads. He is involved in hands-on field testing of NASA wearable monitors in high altitude conditions. He is currently serving as the investigation scientist for the debris team of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, having worked for the first four months after the accident at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

He has published extensively in technical literature, including authorship of a popular engineering textbook. He is a longstanding member of the Defense Sciences Research Council (DARPA), and has served as associate chair and chairman. He also has extensive industry experience including co-founding several companies, most recently Cepheid in Sunnyvale.

He received an NSF Young Investigator Award, held the Noyce Family Chair, and was a Terman and then University Fellow at Stanford. He is a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. Dr. Kovacs is a private pilot, scuba diver, and a fellow national of the Explorers Club. Dr. Kovacs received a BASc degree in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia, an MS degree in bioengineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and a PhD and an MD degree from Stanford University.

OEB Communications THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

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OEB Communications Society Subject: How are Credit Card Numbers Hacked on the Web? Speaker: Jan Bialkowski (NetContinuum, Inc.) Time: Pizza at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: Bishop Ranch 1, 6101 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon (just off I-680) RSVP: (by Feb. 18) oeb@comsoc.org for pizza order Info: Malik Audeh, 510 305-6022 or malik_audeh@yahoo.com Web: http://www.comsoc.org/oeb/

How Credit Card Numbers are Hacked on the Web

Ever accelerating trends in the IT industry place mission critical business process applications on the Web. Along with simplified management of universal Web access for employees and business partners, system administrators also get increased exposure to hackers routinely exploiting a diverse range of applications' security vulnerabilities.

Jan Bialkowski's presentation at the February 19 OEB Communications meeting will introduce basic Web application deployment settings in the data centers and application security concepts. The talk will focus on common application vulnerabilities such as buffer overflows, cross-site scripting, and parameter tampering.

Their potential adverse impact will be highlighted by an overview of the basic hacking toolbox including simple, common exploitation methods. A survey of a range of practical intrusion defenses, such as security scanning, remedial application patching and application firewalls will emphasize their critical strengths and weaknesses.

Finally he will introduce some of the industry efforts to standardize interactions between the defensive systems prompted by the growing awareness of the application vulnerabilities.

Jan Bialkowski is a founder and the chief technology officer of NetContinuum, a provider of web security appliances that consolidate all critical DMZ functionality into a single system to enable cost-effective deployment of secure web applications.

Prior to founding NetContinuum, Jan was a distinguished engineer at FORE systems responsible for defining the architecture of the company's next generation switching system. Before that, Jan was a founding engineer of Berkeley Networks and the primary architect of the ASIC-based forwarding engine and product line of L3/L4 switches.

Earlier, Jan was chief technologist at Bay Networks, responsible for developing advanced system architectures and a consulting engineer at Wellfleet Communications. Among his many achievements is the design and implementation of a fault-tolerant multiprocessing OS used in the Wellfleet/Bay Network routers. Jan started his career as a software engineer at Data General.

Jan has a BS in computer and information science from Syracuse University where he graduated with highest honors in 1985.

The chapter will continue its feature at the meeting of providing some networking time for those that want to stand and make a brief announcement. If you're looking for a new position, have a position to fill, want to let us know that your new start-up is ready for business or have a similar announcement, bring your resumes, job descriptions or company brochures and be prepared to make a match. Please keep your statements brief, so we'll have time for everyone. There will be time before and after the formal meeting for one-on-one discussions.

OEB IAS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

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OEB Industry Applications Society Subject: Application of a High Speed Motor and Adjustable Speed Drive Speaker: Barry Wood (ChevronTexaco Energy Technology Company) Time: No-host social at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:15, presentation continues at 8:00 Place: Marie Callendar Restaurant, The Garden Room, 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord (nearby to Concord Hilton Hotel) 925 827-4930 for directions. RSVP: (by February 18) Gregg Boltz, 925 210-2571 or gboltz@brwncald.com Cost: (dinner) \$22 for IEEE members, \$25 for non-members.

Application of a High Speed Motor and an Adjustable Speed Drive

The February 19 meeting of the Industry Applications Society, for the Oakland East Bay Area, will feature a talk on high-speed motors and adjustable speed Drives. The speaker will be Barry M. Wood from ChevronTexaco.

This is a case study from a real-life application in industry with useful engineering results that can be shared with everyone. During the mid-1990's Chevron's El Segundo oil refinery was faced with the need to revise its refining process to produce reformulated gasoline in compliance with the state and federal clean air acts. They found justification to purchase specially made high-speed electric motors with adjustible-speed drives (ASD). High-speed motors are defined as those which operate at speeds above 3600 RPM. Specifically, the motors would be rated at 11,000 RPM and 3,500 HP, a first in the industry. These would be employed to replace the existing drivers for their steam turbine recycle compressors. This talk will explain the decision-making process and rationale that led to the purchase. It will also describe the product design/development process and testing/approval procedures, as motors having such high speed and large horsepower had never been built before.

The audience will also learn about what was done during this project in the areas of: motor design; vibration analysis; rotor dynamics; critical speed mapping; resonance study; advancedesign of ASD with enhanced reliability features; disturbance ridethrough capability; harmonic analysis; and commisioning and startup.

Barry M. Wood received the BSEE degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, and the MSEE degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972 and 1978, respectively.

From 1972 through 1977, he was employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA, as a power systems engineer for the Industry Services Division. In 1978 he joined McGraw Edison Company, Canonsburg, PA, as a senior power systems engineer, and in 1981 he joined Electro-Test, Inc., San Ramon, CA, where he held positions as senior electrical engineer and supervisory electrical engineer.

Since 1987, Mr. Wood has been with ChevronTexaco where he is currently a senior staff electrical engineer with ChevronTexaco Energy Technology Company, Richmond, CA. His primary responsibilities include consulting for company facilities worldwide in the areas of electrical power systems, adjustable speed drives, motors, and generators. Mr. Wood is an IEEE fellow and a registered electrical engineer in the States of California and Pennsylvania. At the 1995 IEEE-PCIC conference, held in Denver, Mr. Wood delivered an earlier version of this talk with his colleagues.

Product Safety TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

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Product Safety Engineering Society Subject: **SEMI Safety Guidelines** Speaker: Eric Sklar (Safety Guru LLC) Time: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: Dinner at El Torito, 2950 Lakeside Drive, Santa Clara (408 727-4426), presentation at Applied Materials Bowers Café, 3090 bowers Avenue, Santa Clara RSVP: Not required Info: Julia Luke, 408 463-0885 Ext. 112 or jluke@ccsemc.com

SEMI Safety Guidelines

Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) publishes 22 Safety Guidelines and EHS Guidelines. Despite their titles, several of these are the *de facto* standards for equipment safety in the semiconductor device manufacturing industry.

Eric Sklar, principal of Safety Guru, LLC, specializes in process and equipment risk assessment and mitigation for the semiconductor industry. He will be the featured speaker at the February 24 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Product Safety Engineering society (formerly the Product Safety Technical Committee of the EMC Society.

Eric's presentation will describe the scopes of the documents, highlight some of their features, and describe how they relate to one another. Emphasis will be placed on those documents that are new (*e.g.*, *S22*, *Safety Guideline for the Electrical Design of Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment*) or have recently been revised (*e.g.*, *S10*, *Safety Guideline for Risk Assessment and Risk Evaluation Process*). The efforts underway to make substantial modifications to some of the documents (*e.g.*, S6, Safety Guideline for Ventilation) will also be described.

The major rewriting of *S2, Environmental, Health, and Safety Guideline for Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment*, to create its February 2000 edition (S2-0200) has been discussed previously in this forum. There have, however, been several substantive changes published since then and those changes will be described, as well as some of the changes that are being considered.

SCV Engineering Management WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

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SCV Engineering Management Society Forum Subject: Employee Stock Options -**Optimizing Your Strategy** Speaker: Rich Chambers, CFP Subject: Working With Our Previous Enemy Speaker: Robert Dodd (Space Systems/Loral) Time: Forum at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00, after-dinner presentation at 7:45 Place: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1300 Chesapeake Terrace, Sunnyvale - near Lawrence Expressway and Hwy 237 RSVP: http://www.ieee-scv-ems.org Cost: (with reservations Feb 20 or before) \$25 (IEEE member), \$30(non member), \$5 surcharge thereafter. (Cash or check at the door) student IEEE members - \$5 Info: Rich Hendrickson, 408 203-3462

Working for Stock Options and Living with the Russians

The Santa Clara Valley Engineering Management Society presents a before-dinner forum on personal management of your stock options. Following networking and a sit-down dinner, the after-dinner topic will be on managing satellite activities at a foreign launch base.

Before-Dinner presentation -

Employee Stock Options - Optimizing Your Strategy

Stock Options can be a great source of wealth or ruin. Rich Chambers will briefly discuss how Incentive Stock Options (ISO) and Non-qualified Stock Options (NQSO) work. Then he'll review the common mistakes made and how you can avoid them.

Rich will discuss a number of possible strategies you could use to maximize the profit potential of your stock options. A demonstration of a sample analysis will be shown using StockOpter, the best software available for stock option analysis.

Participants can learn how to evaluate their stock option plans and develop multiple strategies that can optimize the tradeoff between profits, taxes, and risk management, given various market scenarios.

Rich Chambers is a Fee-Only, Certified Financial Planner who provides financial planning and investment advice for everyday life. Rich has presented the stock options program numerous times in workshop environments and at local hightech companies. He is a member of the IEEE and was a practicing electrical engineer until 1999

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After-Dinner presentation -

Working with our former enemy

The age of Globalization creates unique relationships. Previous competitors are now partnering on programs. Manufacturing takes place with components from different parts of the world. Design and service teams are spread around the globe. One of the unique situations is dealing with our former enemies.

When nations change their mutual relationships, their people do not automatically and immediately change to reflect the new national condition. Cultural perspectives, traditions, attitudes and behaviors retain their unique character for a long time. So it is between the United States and the former Soviet republics and it's made even more interesting by the latter's change in economic systems.

Launching a US satellite from Kazakhstan and the experience of living with Russians at Baikonur offer international launch teams a unique perspective on these cultural patterns and how the Russians deal with their new realities. All this in a place which itself is a symbol of the past: Baikonur officially did not exist during the cold war, although all of the Russian manned space missions started there as well as most unmanned ones.

The Russians denied even the very existence of this base during the cold war. Baikonur is still not on most maps. This is the location where all of the Russian manned missions were launched in Kazakhstan. Our speaker, Bob Dodd, has had the unique experience of living among the Russians at their launch base. There were many surprises, highs and lows in the experience testing our management skills to the max.

Bob Dodd is a staff engineer at Space Systems/Loral. He has been an advanced payload manager and subsystem manager. Prior to Loral he was the director of engineering at Dalmo-Victor. He has been the manager of the electronic systems division at SAIC and a division manager at Watkins-Johnson. He was also the director of engineering at STI. He has 2 patents and has written numerous technical articles. He is active in many professional societies; most notably, he was the previous chair of the Engineering Management Society.

SCV Reliability WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

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SCV Reliability Society Subject: **Best of RAMS** Speakers: Panel discussion Time: Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: HP-Cupertino, Oak Room, Bldg 48, Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino RSVP: Not required

Best of RAMS

The 2004 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS) was held January 26-29, in Los Angeles. The theme of this year's RAMS is the challenge of emerging technologies. Information on RAMS is available on the web at http://www.rams.org/.

The February 25 Santa Clara Valley Reliability Society meeting will feature a panel discussion of selected papers from RAMS. The panel is being organized by Fred Schenkelberg. He is looking for additional panel members, especially paper authors or RAMS attendees. If you are interested in helping select papers, being on the panel, leading a discussion, or contributing in another way, please e-mail us at reliability@ieee.org.

SCV Solid State Circuits THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

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SCV Solid State Circuits Society Subject: Smart Dust: Circuits and Applications Speaker: Dr. Kris Pister (Dust Inc.) Time:Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 Place: Cadence Design Systems, Bldg. 5, 2655 Seely Ave., San Jose RSVP: ssc_scv_rsvp@yahoogroups.com - for email reminder subscribe to ssc-chptscv@majordomo.ieee.org Web: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/scv/ scv_ssc.html

Smart Dust: Circuits and Applications

recently come to the attention of the media and the venture community. Companies such as Crossbow, Dust Inc, Ember, and Millennial are all working to commercialize this "next big thing." Applications of the technology include building automation, industrial automation, medical monitoring, asset tracking, security, and homeland defense. The science fiction community was introduced to some of these lieas through stories written by Vernor Vinge, who is also a communications professor at UCSD.

The Key concept here is a peer-to-peer network created by a number of very low power transcievers that form a commuication mesh. In the science fiction version, they are as small as dust, and are distributed as an aerosol. In present incarnations, they are quite a bit larger, as we will hear from our Speaker. Dr. Kris Pister has spent the last decade of his life pushing the academic limits of research in this field, as a professor at UCLA and then UC Berkeley. Much of the enthusiasm for the field of wireless sensor networks can trace its roots to his DARPA-funded Smart Dust project, which set several world records in ultra-low power circuits and extreme miniaturization. For an example of his recent work see 'An ultralow-energy ADC for Smart Dust,' *IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits*, July 2003, pages 1123 - 1129.

Kris is an experienced leader who brings a record of successfully partnering with industry and government to deliver groundbreaking research into commercial applications. As the inventor of Smart Dust, he provides the leadership and vision to bring this technology to market. His prior successes include commercializing CAD for MEMS with Tanner Research, polysilicon MEMS Micromirrors with OMM Inc, and xenon difluoride etchers for semiconductor processing with STS and Xactix, which was subsequently licensed by Sony.

Kris is co-director of the Berkeley Sensor & Actuator Center (BSAC), actively participates in the Department of Defense research planning, and is a member of the JASONs. He serves on the advisory boards for CrossBow and Nanomix. Kris holds a PhD and MS in electrical engineering from UC Berkeley and a BS from UC San Diego. He is currently on extended leave from his position as professor of electrical engineering at UC Berkeley. In January of 2003, Pister became CEO of Dust Inc, with the goal of bringing low-cost, long-life mesh networking to the masses.





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Communicating Effectively with U.S. IEEE Members is Top Priority

Welcome to the first 2004 IEEE-USA president's column. I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve you this year, and hope that working together we can make this a very productive year for IEEE-USA. For that to happen, I will need the help of the very capable volunteers who serve with me on the IEEE-USA Board of Directors and the excellent staff who support all of us.

My highest priority is to communicate effectively with all U.S. IEEE members, which I consider to be our greatest asset. When you have thoughts, suggestions or concerns about IEEE-USA, our activities, organization or other issues, please contact me. The most effective way to reach me is at <u>i.steadman@ieee.org</u>. I'm confident that other members of the Board and the staff share this desire to make IEEE-USA responsive. You can get names and other information about our volunteer leaders and staff members at <u>www.ieeeusa.org/volunteers</u>.

One of our primary activities in 2003 was to combat the unprecedented levels of unemployment among our U.S. members. While many things contributed to this problem —many beyond the control of IEEE-USA or any other organization — we took action on several fronts to address the issues. One of these was urging Congress to remove increases in the H-1B visa quota. We were able to establish IEEE-USA as an organization with credibility in this arena, and Congress let the annual cap return to its historic level of 65,000. It is clear that the topic will come up again in 2004, however, so we must remain vigilant and be ready to provide factual, persuasive testimony when called upon. Furthermore, other activities, such as an improved job-listing site, attention to L-1 visa abuses, and providing services like resume writing and soft skill training, must be continued.

A second high priority for 2004 is to improve our recruitment and retention of U.S. IEEE members. I'm asking members of our Board of Directors to join me in finding the most effective membership activities among the many Sections and Chapters throughout the IEEE, so we can learn from these experiences and share these best practices with our colleagues. I realize that we have not been consistent in getting the message out to all members — nor to potential members working beside us — about the value and benefits of IEEE membership. We will work hard to improve on this in the coming year, concentrating especially on the areas we have responsibility for in IEEE-USA.

The IEEE-USA Operating Committee meeting in late January will further refine our high-priority activities for the coming year. I would appreciate your suggestions in this regard so they can be included in the discussion. To make my time working for IEEE-USA most effective, I would appreciate it if you will include "Suggested Activity for IEEE-USA" in the subject line of an e-mail message to me with your thoughts.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve you, and here's to a great 2004.

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