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COMPUMAG Saratoga Springs 2003

Compumag 2003 in Saratoga Springs is coming soon now. As I promised in the last article, the snow is gone in upstate New York and the weather committee has promised a beautiful week for Compumag. The response so far has been excellent and we expect that over 400 papers will be presented. The authors represent 30 different countries. For those of you interested in the presented papers please see the Compumag website (www.compumag2003.com) for details on oral and poster presentations. The editorial board headed by Jon Webb and Dennis Giannocopoulos have done an outstanding job in the paper reviews and we were able to meet our schedule for author notification. We also acknowledge and thank the large number of you who have reviewed papers for the conference. The local organizing committee had a meeting in Saratoga in March and this was followed by an ICS board meeting at which the final program was approved. I think the program is outstanding and I am sure you will agree. We have broken some new ground for Compumag in that the proceedings of the conference will be distributed on CD at the conference. A printed copy will be provided at extra charge. For those registered ICS members and attendees who want hard copies of selected papers, you can download and print any paper from our website. This feature is available now and is limited to ICS members and people who have registered for Compumag 2003. The online registration is going well and has been relatively trouble free. We urge those people who have not reserved accommodations to do so immediately as this is tourist season in Saratoga and hotel rooms will be difficult to get.

Your organizing committee is also working on the social program and we expect to have a very interesting set of options. Saratoga State Park is minutes from the Conference site. For the musically inclined, the New York City Ballet, the Lake George Opera and Saratoga Chamber Music Festival will be performing during our conference. For the horse racing fans, the thoroughbred racing season starts just after Compumag. For those interested in more strenuous activities, the parks, lakes (Saratoga Lake, Lake George, Lake Champlain) and rivers in the area are superb and easily accessible from Saratoga. As always we welcome suggestions and anyone needing help with travel arrangements can find information on our website www.compumag2003.com. If the information you need is not on the website, please send us an email and we will get the information to you.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Saratoga Springs in July!

Sheppard Salon
Chairman of COMPUMAG 2003

From the Editor

COMPUMAG 2003 in Saratoga Springs is approaching fast and I hope you have all registered by now for this most important meeting of the computational electromagnetics community. Please read the information about the conference programme contained in this issue or consult the conference web page: <http://www.compumag2003.com/>.

I would like to explain again the situation regarding the post conference publication in the IEEE Transactions on Magnetics. In view of the escalating costs, which would add over 300 US dollars to each registration fee, the ICS Board has decided that we need a debate amongst all members of the Society regarding the future of this publication. In the next issue of the ICS Newsletter we will present the available alternatives and invite comments. In the meantime, it was felt to be important to take a decision regarding the forthcoming COMPUMAG in Saratoga Springs. It has, therefore, been decided to reduce the burden of the publication costs and thus only partially cover them by the registration fees. As a result the remaining contribution will have to come directly from the authors whose papers are accepted after the final reviewing process. Thus approximately half of the total IEEE cost will be included in the fee and the remaining amount will be collected later after the second review process has been completed. Although we appreciate that this decision may not necessarily be the one which will be adopted at future conferences, we feel that it is fair on the participants and has the benefit of not accelerating the costs unduly.

Continuing the theme of invited technical articles, I am very pleased to highlight the contribution from our colleagues in CEGELY, Lyon, on the interactions between electromagnetic fields and biological tissues. There have been several interesting papers in the recent issues of the ICS Newsletter and I would like to sincerely thank Professor Paolo Molfino for his efforts in securing a continuing flow of such submissions. Professor Molfino has decided to retire from his duties as Co-editor for technical articles and I am delighted to welcome Professor Kay Hameyer from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, as the new Co-editor.

Finally, another reminder that registered ICS members (with current dues paid) can benefit from a discount in registration for COMPUMAG and those paying a full fee at Saratoga Springs will be automatically enrolled as members of the International Compumag Society.

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Members of the ICS Board at the meeting in Saratoga Springs in March 2003