

Resources

Lower Your Energy in San Diego

Sunny and relaxing San Diego is the perfect spot for the inaugural **Symposium on Low-Power Electronics (SLPE)** on October 10–12. Sponsored by the IEEE, the conference includes presentations of 38 technical papers from a variety of academic and industry sources, all discussing design techniques for low-power systems. Topics range from a presentation of Motorola's low-power version of the 68040 to a discussion of compiler techniques that reduce the power required to execute code. On Monday evening, a panel will examine the design of a hypothetical portable communicator for 1996.

Early registration (before 9/9) for the symposium costs \$300 for IEEE members or \$350 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Diane Suiters (Washington, D.C.) at 202.347.5900; fax 202.347.6109.

Neural Networks in Paris (not Nîmes)

Covering industrial applications for neural networks, **Neuro-Nîmes '94** will take place on October 10–14. For the first time, the conference will be held in Paris rather than its traditional location of Nîmes (France). The conference discusses design tools and methodology for neural networks along with typical applications where they can be useful. The first two days consist of tutorials, while the remainder of the week features presentations of papers from academic and industry sources as well as a vendor exhibition. All presentations will be in either English or French with simultaneous translation.

Attendance at the conference costs FF 5,500 (about US\$1,000) for the three days; student discounts are available. The tutorials are priced at FF 2,500 (US\$460) for one day or FF 4,500 (US\$830) for both days. The vendor exhibition is free of charge. For more information, contact Jean-Claude Rault of EC2 (Nanterre, France) at 33.1.47.80.7000; fax 33.1.47.80.6629.

Tale of Two Data-Storage Conferences

San Jose hosts two upcoming conferences on data storage. The first, **DataStorage '94**, will occur September 20–21 at the Fairmont Hotel. It features vendor presentations on the latest advances in CD-ROM, hard drives, optical drives, and tape storage. An executive roundtable features the presidents of Adaptec, Conner, Exabyte, Komag, and other key vendors. The registration fee is \$1,475; for more information, contact Cartledge & Assoc. (San Carlos, Calif.) at 415.508.9670; fax 415.508.9732.

During the next week, September 28–29, the International Disk Equipment and Materials Association (IDEMA) sponsors **DiskCon '94** at the San Jose Convention Center. This conference focuses exclusively on hard-drive technology; Ed Zschau, GM of IBM's Storage Division, keynotes the proceedings, which also include a vendor exhibition. This event is at the other end of the price scale: preregistration (by 9/10) costs just \$95, or \$75 for IDEMA members. Attendance at the exhibition is free in advance. For more information, contact IDEMA (Sunnyvale, Calif.) at 408.720.9352; fax 408.720.9380.

UNIX Show Opens in New York, New York

Open systems aficionados will gather in New York City on October 4–6 for **UNIX Expo '94**. The exhibition will include more than 400 vendors displaying hardware and software for UNIX-based systems. There will also be a multitrack conference featuring sessions on system management, software development, the Internet, and other topics. In parallel with the conference are optional tutorials that provide background on these topics.

Preregistration (by 9/19) runs \$320 for the full conference, \$380 for a full-day tutorial, or \$60 for the exhibition. For more information, contact UNIX Expo (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.) at 800.829.3976 or 201.346.1400; fax 201.346.1571.