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Doing the ICANN in Paris

The fifth annual International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks (**ICANN '95**) will be held in Paris (France) this year. Sponsored by the European Neural Network Society, the conference stresses the rationale of applying neural networks to real-world problems and a comparison with other techniques. Seminars and conference span five days, October 9–13, and are conducted primarily in English.

Following two initial days of seminars, the conference will be divided into academic and industrial forums and exhibitions. Applications addressed include telecommunications, speech processing, robotics, forecasting, and defense. Registration fees for ENNS members run FF 5,150 (about \$1,030) for the three-day conference, or FF 5,500 for nonmembers. Seminars cost extra; student discounts are available. For more information, or to register, write to Françoise Fogelman, secretariat, at ICANN '95, BP 207, 1 avenue Newton, 92142 Clamart Cedex, France; fax 33.141.28.45.84.

Parallel Processing in Chicago

The second annual **Commercial Parallel Processing Conference** rides into the Hyatt Regency hotel in Chicago on September 27–29. Sponsored by a dozen high-end computer manufacturers, including AT&T, Cray Research, DEC, and IBM, the conference offers an unparalleled look into commercial applications for parallel computers. Included are an examination of software availability, key enabling technologies, what new products will look like, and why the market is projected to expand to \$5 billion by 1998.

Early registration (before 9/27) goes for \$650 for all three days. For more information, or to register, contact CMP (Jericho, New York) at 800.808.3976; fax 800.588.0412; or send e-mail to confreg@cmp.com.

First Futurebus+ Product Shipping

The IEEE Standards Press has released a new book, **High-Performance I/O Bus Architecture: A Handbook for IEEE Futurebus+ Profile B**, that is only slightly longer than its title. It provides key information on concepts, rules, and guidelines critical to interoperability among hypothetical Futurebus+ Profile B boards.

The book costs \$65; to order, contact the IEEE (Piscataway, New Jersey) at 908.981.1393; fax 908.981.9667.

Siggraph Adds Flash and Dazzle to Los Angeles

The world's biggest conference on computer graphics and interactive media, **Siggraph '95**, descends upon the city of Los Angeles on August 6–11. The show will be filled with courses, papers, panels, and technical discussions.

For ACM members, full registration runs \$975, or \$1,175 for nonmembers. An exhibits-only pass costs \$50. Course notes and multimedia presentations are also available on CD-ROM for an additional charge. To register, or for more information, contact Siggraph (Chicago, Ill.) at 312.321.6830; fax 312.321.6876 or send e-mail to siggraph95@siggraph.org.

Mesmerized by PC Hardware?

An imposing 1,300-page tome, **The Indispensable PC Hardware Book** by Hans-Peter Messmer, is now available in paperback. As the title implies, the book covers PC hardware in exhaustive detail, including microprocessors from the 386 through Pentium; the XT/AT; EISA, MCA, and PCI buses; support chips and chip sets; peripherals; and assembly-language programming.

Now in its second edition and published by Addison-Wesley, the book (ISBN 0-201-8769703) is available in bookstores at a suggested price of \$43. For more information, contact Addison-Wesley (Reading, Mass.) at 617.944.3700 or 800.822.6339; fax 800.333.3328.