

■ **Death. Taxes. Comdex. In Portuguese.**

Perhaps you've heard of it. It used to be that the Computer Dealers' Exposition (aka Comdex) came but twice a year. Now, with **Comdex/Miami**, visitors who miss the Las Vegas gala can still join the fun. The next installment arrives at the Miami Beach Convention Center December 9-11 and focuses on IT in Latin America. The four conference tracks include Business on the Net, the Business Desktop, Making Connections, and For Developers Only (with one day each on Java, ActiveX, and HTML). All Comdex/Miami presentations will have simultaneous translations into Spanish and Portuguese.

Prices range from \$25 for an exhibit pass to \$295 for an all-inclusive passport. For more information or to register, contact 617.433.1650 or visit www.comdex.com.

■ **New Compact Among CompactPCI Vendors**

The PCI Industrial Computers Manufacturers' Group (with the dyslexic-unfriendly acronym of PICMG) has updated its collective specification for the **CompactPCI** standard. Revision 2.1 incorporates "additions and clarifications" over the previous version (1.0) released in 1995. Enhancements include new Eurocard mechanical specifications, consistent I/O connections, geographic addressing, and corrected interrupt routing.

Additional information is available at www.picmg.org or by calling PICMG (Wakefield, Mass.) at 781.246.9318.

■ **Don't Drag Your Knuckles**

This and other bits of social wisdom are to be found in *Interpersonal Skills for IS Professionals*, a seminar provided by Communication Workshop and the Center for Technical Communication. The seminar aims to take the "rough edges" off technical professionals who must deal with mere mortals.

More information is available from Communication Workshop (Port Washington, N.Y.) at 516.767.9590.

■ **PC Chips Sales To Grow 15% per Year**

So sayeth the prognosticators at In-Stat in their report, *Desktop PC Semiconductor Content and Integration Trends*. The report predicts that microprocessors will continue to snag the lion's share of chip revenue for the next five years, with a slight increase in the revenue share of memories.

Copies sell for \$2,995. For more information or to order a copy contact In-Stat (Scottsdale, Ariz.) at 602.483.4471 or set your browser to www.instat.com.

■ **What's the Opcode for SEX?**

This and other embarrassing questions are easily resolved on the **Microprocessor Instruction Set Cards** Web site. Located at www.comlab.ox.ac.uk/archive/cards.html, the site includes opcode references for dozens of microprocessors and microcontrollers of the past and present.

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