

Resources

Find a PC Oasis in Palm Springs Desert

For the latest innovations in PC products without all the B.S., check out **Demo 94**, sponsored by Stewart Alsop and David Coursey of *P.C. Letter*. The conference, which will be held on January 23–26 in Indian Wells (Calif.), will feature demonstrations of more than 50 PC innovations. Some may think that “PC innovations” is an oxymoron, but the conference promises new technologies in PC hardware and software for all major platforms (including PowerPC), plus PDAs, portables, multimedia, and graphics.

The demonstrations are presented by knowledgeable developers and product managers, not sales people, in a “personal” setting. When not partaking of the demos, attendees can enjoy the warm Palm Springs sunshine and the hospitality of the Stouffer Esmeralda Resort.

Early-bird registration (by 12/17) costs \$1,395 (accommodations are not included). Contact Demo 94 at 415.312.0545, fax 415.312.0547.

New Computer Architecture Books

Morgan Kaufmann Publishers has expanded its catalog of microprocessor-related books. New titles include: ***The MIPS Programmer's Handbook***, a description of the MIPS architecture for system-applications developers; ***The IBM PowerPC Architecture***, IBM's description of its new architecture and hardware conventions; and ***IBM Power and PowerPC***, an independent perspective on IBM's RISC architectures.

The prices of these textbooks range from \$36.95 to \$58.95, but mention Department DBA12 for a 10% discount. (Sales tax and shipping charges are not included.) Contact Morgan Kaufmann (San Francisco, Calif.) at 415.392.2665 or fax 415.982.2665.

Attendez-vous le Conference en Montpellier?

Travel to Montpellier (France) for the third annual conference on the ***Interface to Real and Virtual Worlds***, on February 7–11. The three-day general conference (Wednesday through Friday) will feature research papers on the man-machine interface, including graphical interfaces, computer-aided vision, speech synthesis and recognition, and three-dimensional visual and audio environments. Papers will be presented in either French or English with simultaneous translation.

The week will begin with two days of tutorials giving an overview of various interface techniques and devices, with an in-depth analysis of certain approaches. On Tuesday through Thursday, a concurrent exhibition will feature commercially available hardware and software tools for building man-machine interfaces.

The corporate rate for the conference is 5,500 FF (about \$930); discounts are available for university faculty and students. The tutorials cost an additional 2,500 FF per day. Contact the conference care of Jean-Claude Rault, 33.1.47.80.7000, fax 33.1.47.80.6629.

ICE Soothes Information Headaches

Integrated Circuit Engineering (ICE) has released two new reports. ***Mid-Term 1993*** gives the final figures on the status of the IC industry at the end of 1H93 and provides a forecast for the remainder of the year and beyond. It profiles leading vendors, hot new products, and identifies technology and manufacturing trends. ***ASIC Outlook 1994*** focuses on application- and customer-specific chips, presenting market and cost information.

The mid-term report is priced at \$490, while the ASIC report costs \$485. Contact the Publications Manager at ICE (Scottsdale, Ariz.) at 602.998.9780, fax 602.948.1925.