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PC Potentates Pontificate in San Francisco

Shortly after the Microprocessor Forum vacates the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, the hotel will house the **Personal Computer Outlook Conference**. Technologic Partners is sponsoring its tenth annual event December 5–6. Speaking their minds on issues concerning the personal computer industry will be AMD Chairman W.J. Sanders; Eckhard Pfeiffer, president of Compaq; IBM Senior Vice President G. Richard Thoman; and Jim Manzi of Lotus Development fame.

Registration costs \$1,995. For more information, please contact Technologic Partners (New York, N.Y.) at 212.696.9330; fax 212.696.9793.

Cable Comes to California

Superhighway 101 and *What I Want, When I Want: Consumer Use of Non-Linear Television* are just two of the topics planned for this year's California Cable Television Association's get-together. The aptly named **Western Show** will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center for three days, November 30–December 2. The conference will look at the technology, marketing, programming, and financial aspects of the burgeoning cable television industry. Exhibits will include CableNET, billed as "the most sophisticated interoperable, interconnected network demonstration ever seen." The Society of Cable Television Engineers (SCTE) will hold forth on FCC rules, digital compression, and fiber optics. Wednesday night's obligatory party is sponsored by Fox's new fX cable network.

Registration costs \$410 for CCTA, NCTA, ACTA, and CATA members or government officials. The fee is \$610 for nonmembers. Registration after November 4 is at the show only and costs \$40 extra. For more information, contact CCTA in Oakland (Calif.) at 510.428.2225 or 800.380.3299; fax 510.420.9010.

IEDM Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Featuring speakers from Slovenia, Germany, Japan, Belgium, and Motorola, the 40th annual **International Electron Devices Meeting** promises something for every semiconductor aficionado. Hosted by the IEEE, the meeting will be held at the San Francisco Hilton on December 11–14. More than 200 papers will be presented, with this year's emphasis being low-voltage, low-power circuits, gigabit memory devices, and flat-panel display advances. The annual award for smallest CMOS process is expected to go to one presenter's 0.05-micron device, the smallest ever. Two parallel day-long courses on the 11th cover advanced device characterization and mixed-signal design issues. Evening sessions feature debates among industry leaders and scientists.

Before November 15, IEEE members pay \$230 for all four days; nonmembers' price is \$305. The student rate is just \$50. Attendance at either of the courses on the 11th costs an additional \$350. For more information, please contact Melissa Widerkehr at 202.986.1137; fax 202.986.1139.

Intellectual Property Rights Hit Both Coasts

Groaning under yet another load of conference goers, San Francisco will play host to the **Third Annual Intellectual Property Litigation** in the Technology Cases Trial Advocacy Institute. Held on November 17–18 in San Francisco and again on December 8–9 in Boston, the conference considers copyright, trade secret, and infringement issues. Featured attractions include "demonstrations of litigation" and "effective evidence tactics," according to the clearly worded brochure. Scheduled speakers include industry analysts, two federal judges, and over a dozen attorneys. The admission price is \$795. For more information, call 800.223.0231 x8260 or 201.894.8260; fax 201.894.0074.