■ Supercomputers Celebrate Tenth in Orlando

The IEEE Computer Society and Association of Computing Machinery will host the tenth annual **Supercomputer Conference** (SC98) at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando (Florida). The week-long conference, November 7–13, includes tutorials, papers, and a keynote address by Bran Ferren of Walt Disney Imagineering. The technical program will cover parallel computing, high-speed networking, cache coherence, numerical algorithms, and other topics.

Admission to the conference runs $390 for IEEE members; $500 for nonmembers. The tutorials cost extra. For more information, or to register, contact SC98 (La Jolla, Calif.) at 888.778.7298 or visit *www.supercomp.org.*

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The Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation (SPEC) benchmark group has developed **SPECjvm98**, its first benchmark suite for measuring the performance of Java virtual machine (JVM) implementations. The benchmark is, by its nature, platform- and OS-independent, so the same benchmark will (or should) run on any JVM. The suite consists of eight "real" Java applications, in byte-code form. A Java client and 32M of memory are the minimum requirements.

Copies of the SPECjvm98 benchmark suite sell for $100; a demo version and sample results are available at the SPEC Web site, at *www.spec.org/osg/jvm98.* For more information, contact SPEC (Manassas, Virginia) at 703.331.0180, or send e-mail to *info@spec.org.*