

■ Seek High ILP at Haifa

Processor designers from around the globe will gather in Haifa, Israel, for the **International Symposium on Microarchitecture (Micro32)** on November 15–18. Monday's program features a set of tutorials, while the remainder of the week includes a series of papers covering the latest research in instruction-level parallelism (ILP), prefetching, scheduling, multithreading, memory hierarchies, low-power design, compilers, and similar topics.

Registration fees range from \$100 for the tutorial day to \$495 for all four days, with discounts for students and IEEE/ACM members. For more information or to register, access the Web at <http://huron.cs.ucdavis.edu/Micro32>.

■ Get Portable in San Diego

If you design cell phones, notebook computers, or other mobile equipment, check out **Portable Design 2000**. The show, to be held next January 24–27 at the San Diego Coronado Island Marriott, focuses on the challenges of designing low-power, compact devices. The first day of the conference features a management track, followed by three days covering technical issues, including microprocessors, DSPs, displays, analog circuits, and packaging.

Early (before 11/14) registration costs \$650 for the four-day conference or \$450 for the first day (management track). For information or to register, contact Nuala Kimball at PenWell (Nashua, N.H.) at 603.891.9267 or on the Web at www.portable-design.com.

■ Don't Get Kilt in SOC Battle

Our European readers can get caught up on the latest developments in the system-on-a-chip (SOC) market at **IP'99**, held November 1–2 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference will focus on the business and technology issues behind SOC designs, intellectual property (IP), and design reuse. Each day consists of two or three tracks of tutorials and vendor presentations. Keynoters include Wally Rhines of Mentor and Howard Sachs of Fujitsu. There will also be a vendor exhibition and the popular whiskey-tasting evening.

The fee for the conference is £250 per day or £395 for both days. Attendance at the exhibition is free. VSI members receive a 10% discount. For more information, contact Miller Freeman U.K. at 44.171.861.6370 or access the Web at www.ip99.com.

■ Cool Products at Winter CES

Check out the coolest new products for home and work at **2000 International CES**, scheduled for next January 6–9 in Las Vegas. The show will feature high-tech products for home networking, 1394 interconnectivity, DVD, digital imaging, digital radio, smart cards, speech technology, and more. Bill Gates, Scott McNealy, and Eric Benhamou will deliver keynote talks. More than 1,500 companies will exhibit their wares at this massive show.

Register by 11/12 for free entry to the show floor. To register, point your browser to www.CESweb.org.