

The 1977 Microwave Symposium

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After three years of planning, working, and worrying, it appears that the 1977 MTT-S Symposium came off without a hitch.

Our special thanks go to the hundreds of smokers at the technical sessions who went along with our temporary restraining order. Our spies didn't detect a single individual lighting up in any of the meeting rooms. Thank heavens we didn't have to carry out "PLAN A," much less the dreaded "OPERATION FIRE EATER."

Attendance at the technical sessions was approximately 810, with 300 more signing up for exhibits only. The previous Symposium record attendance was 752 at the 1968 Boston meeting. Our banquet attendance was 342. Unfortunately, we had to refuse late requests for banquet tickets due to the limited capacity of the Sheraton Inn banquet rooms.

Our Banquet Speaker, Dr. Harold Puthoff, of the Stanford Research Institute, provided the most thought provoking and controversial talk. The banquet, scheduled for 7 to 9:30 P.M., lasted until almost midnight. The subject of psychic research hit a responsive chord in both the skeptics and nonskeptics alike. If any of you have tried the experiments suggested by Dr. Puthoff, we would be most interested in your results. Please write to D. Rubin, Code 8211, NOSC, San Diego, CA 92152. The information will be passed on to Dr. Puthoff.

The first MTT-S professionally managed exhibition, so beautifully handled by Howard Ellowitz of *Microwave Journal*, provided the perfect respite at break time during the technical sessions. The Local Steering Committee, which had absolutely nothing to do with the planning of the exhibition, would like to thank him, publicly, for doing such a fine job.

The attendance of wives at our free continental breakfast was about 6 dB higher than we first anticipated (about 150 showed up). Many families participated in the zoo trip (in which they saw not only the world's largest animal collection, but also the sun), the La Jolla tour, and especially, the evening cruise around San Diego Bay. We had originally rented one boat for the Harbor Excursion, ended up with three (and would have hired another if it were available). Over 350 attendees, wives, and children cruised our Bay that night. The *Microwave Journal* and the Steering Committee provided the free champagne.

The workshops, originally intended for the benefit of a few interested individuals, attracted a great many attendees, and reports indicate that they were indeed worthwhile.

Financially, the meeting was quite successful. The San Diego Convention Bureau provided the secretaries at registration; three of the four projectionists were microwave engineers from NOSC (formerly NELC), who volunteered their services. About \$30 000 will be deposited in the MTT



Dr. Harold Puthoff, Guest Speaker.



President MTT-S, Larry Whicker.

Society's coffers. This should help the TRANSACTIONS from becoming too thin.

For future reference, the people of the Sheraton, from the Convention Coordinator down, were extremely helpful, and certainly did their jobs well.

Lastly, we would like to thank those individuals who suggested that the annual Symposium be held every year in San Diego ... on second thought, NO THANKS!



Head Table. (left to right): Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Schaffner, Dr. Hal Puthoff, Mr. and Mrs. David Rubin, Dr. and Mrs. John Whinnery.



Scenes from the Banquet.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The technical program was planned and organized by the 57 member nationwide Technical Program Committee and the four local committeemen. The result was one of the most extensive programs ever, with a total of 152 papers presented during 24 sessions. Evening sessions were purposely avoided to allow the attendees to enjoy San Diego.

A total of 252 papers was submitted for consideration which meant almost 100 fine papers had to be rejected. The final selection was made during a strenuous February meeting of the Program Committee. In the selection a special effort was made for fairness. Names of authors were removed when sent out for review so that this initial submittal had to sell itself.

The Symposium theme of "Accent on Applications" brought out many concepts which should prove quite useful to the practicing microwave engineer.

An outline of the technical program by session is shown as follows.

Tuesday, June 21

- Session A1:** Solid State Sources—chaired by B. Fank and organized by A. Rosen.
- Session B1:** Six Port Network Analysis—chaired and organized by S. Adam.
- Session C1:** A Panel Discussion on Multifunction Microwave Modules—moderated by B. Spielman.
- Session D1:** Review of Fiber and Integrated Optics—chaired by H. Taylor and organized by D. Anderson.
- Session A2:** Diode Frequency Converters—chaired by J. Kuno and organized by A. Rosen.
- Session B2:** Microwave Measurements—chaired and organized by E. Komarek.
- Session C2:** Computer Oriented Microwave Design and Practices—chaired by B. Perlman and organized by V. Gelnovatch.
- Session D2:** High Power—chaired by J. Osepchuk and organized by H. Goldie.



Scenes from the Banquet.

Wednesday, June 22

- Session A3:** Microwave Integrated Circuits—chaired and organized by U. Geysel.
- Session B3:** Digital Microwave Systems—chaired by M. Yoder and organized by G. Chao.
- Session C3:** Microwave and MM Wave Solid State Circuit Development in Japan—chaired by Y. Nakamura and organized by S. Saito.
- Session D3:** Applications to Cancer Treatment I—chaired by A. Ecker and organized by W. Guy.
- Session A4:** Fet Devices and Circuits—chaired by B. Berson and organized by A. Rosen.
- Session B4:** Filters I—chaired by S. Cohn and organized by R. Levy.
- Session C4:** Microwave Acoustics—chaired by T. Bristol and organized by R. Williamson.
- Session D4:** Applications to Cancer Treatment II—chaired by R. Atkinson and organized by W. Guy.



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Thursday, June 23

Session A5: Microwave and Millimeter Wave Integrated Circuits—chaired and organized by R. Knerr.

Session B5: Filters II—chaired by A. Williams and organized by S. Cohn.

Session C5: Satellite Communication Systems—chaired by R. Hicks and organized by J. Horton.

Session D5: Waveguides and Transmission Lines—chaired and organized by T. Itoh and D. Bolle.

Session A6: Low Noise Components & Techniques—chaired by J. Whelehan and organized by J. Honda.

Session B6: Passive Components—chaired by M. Horton and organized by S. Cohn.

Session C6: Ferrites—chaired and organized by F. J. Rosenbaum.

Session DC: Antennas and Components—chaired and organized by D. C. Chang.

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