

Welcome to the 1986 International Symposium

On behalf of the Steering Committee it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 1986 MTT-S International Microwave Symposium. The Symposium Steering Committee, some 38 strong, have been hard at work adding its personal touches and innovations to make your stay in "The Land of Pleasant Living" on the Baltimore Inner Harbor technically stimulating, exciting, and very enjoyable.

The theme of the Symposium, "Microwaves Linking Nations," has been selected due to the importance of microwaves in international communications; also it is appropriate for Baltimore since the city was settled by people with many ethnic backgrounds from all over the world. The opening session will reflect this theme with a colorful flag ceremony by the MTT-S Chapter Chairmen/representatives from the 11 nations and 23 of the United States as well as a live satellite transmission link between Baltimore and West Germany.

The 183 accepted papers are presented in three parallel sessions starting Monday for three days, with two joint sessions Wednesday afternoon with the Microwave and Millimeter Wave Monolithic Circuits Symposium. This year we are introducing the focused session consisting of technically hot areas, an international session featuring four renowned scientists from Europe presenting the latest European microwave technologies, and a presentation by Professor Weigan Lin on "Microwave Research in China." The open forum is clustered according to technical topics of interest so that you can concentrate in the area of your choice. We are providing recognition for especially well-presented papers in both the regular and open forum sessions this year. Six panel sessions on Monday and Wednesday and six workshops on Thursday and Friday explore the latest microwave technologies and issues to complete the program.

The historical exhibit is expanded this year by the inclusion of artifacts and memorabilia from Baltimore's Historical Electronics Museum and the Smithsonian Institution. The Historical Exhibit's Cinema will feature many films in a comfortable theatre setting complete with popcorn.

The social highlight of the 1986 Symposium is the Awards Banquet following the industry-sponsored Cocktail Party on Tuesday evening. After the gourmet dinner, special people who have made contributions to our society will be recognized. The entertainment following the awards is an exciting climax to this event. Appearing for your enjoyment are the Sweet Adelines, a group of 80 women of national reputation, who will perform vocal and precision dance routines, and the star Ethel Ennis, an internationally recognized jazz-oriented singer.

Over 415 exhibit booths will present the latest microwave technology in the microwave industry.

The recent renaissance of Baltimore's downtown harbor area has greatly enhanced the traditional attractions of Baltimore's "Charm City." The Inner Harbor complex and the proximity of historic Fort McHenry, as well as not-too-distant colonial Annapolis with its U.S. Naval Academy, and Washington D.C., all combine to offer a dazzling variety of special attractions and events for attendees and their families.

The Symposium Steering Committee has exerted a great amount of effort to make this Symposium successful and one that will be remembered for years to come. With the entire Steering Committee, I look forward to meeting you in Baltimore.



Edward Niehenke
Steering Committee Chairman