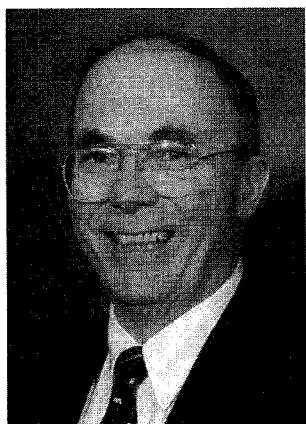


Welcome to the 1996 International Microwave Symposium

Bridging the Spectrum



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Thank you for participating in the 1996 IEEE MTT-Society International Microwave Symposium and Exhibition. The overwhelming response by engineers throughout the world to our Call for Papers, the robust industry expansion, and the creativity of contributors at all levels will make this event a record-breaking success! Two records have already been broken: the number of papers - 466, and the number of workshops - 26. We also anticipate challenging or breaking existing records for the number of registrants and the number of exhibitors!



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This year, every Symposium registrant will receive the traditional three-volume Digest plus a new CD-ROM Digest & Indices. It will contain this year's papers from both the International Microwave Symposium (IMS) and the Microwave and Millimeter-Wave Monolithic Circuits (MMWMC) Symposium Digests. In addition, it will also include searchable indices of all papers for the period of 1989 through 1995 for the IMS and MMWMC Digests, plus the MTT-Society Transactions and Microwave & Guided Wave Letters. In another new initiative, we are launching the Microwave Application and Product Seminars - μ APS - to be held in the exhibition hall. This will be a unique forum for presentation of product applications material.

A quick preview of the papers and sessions in the technical program shows the breadth of coverage. Most impressively, the aggressiveness of our profession is demonstrated by the application of microwave technology to new markets. Supporting our "Bridging the Spectrum" theme, the Plenary Session speakers will address our community's involvement in the dynamic world of telecommunications.

All technical events will be in the new north wing of the ultra modern Moscone Center. The annual Awards Banquet and Exhibitor's Reception will be held at the Hilton Hotel. There is also an enticing guest program of tours and diversions, culminating on Saturday with a trip to the famous California wine country. San Francisco is internationally renowned for its Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, North Beach, China Town, and its excellent restaurants.

It has been eight years since we first proposed San Francisco as a Symposium site. There has been a very special atmosphere of cooperation and contribution within the Steering Committee. It was the opportunity to work closely with so many creative individuals on the Steering Committee, the Technical Program Committee, the MTT-Society at large, and with our Exhibitors, that was the true highlight of our 1996 Symposium experience.

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