

1997 IMS Technical Program

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THE technical program of the 1997 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium was a great success. The technical program consisted of 55 technical sessions, six panel sessions, one rump session, three student-paper sessions, and 24 workshops spread over the week of June 8–13, 1997.

The core of the technical program was 55 technical sessions over three days (Tuesday through Thursday). These included five focused sessions with the themes: Millimeter Waves over Fiber Systems, Microwave Applications of Silicon Carbide, Electromagnetic Wave Interactions with Electron Devices and Circuits, Acoustic Wave Devices for Portable Communications, and Microwave Meteorology and Standards: A Historical View. The latter session (consisting of five invited papers) was a unique presentation of the historical account of microwave measurement techniques and physical standards developed at the Boulder Laboratories of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Boulder, Colorado [formerly the National Bureau of Standards (NBS)]. Another session related to history was “J. C. Bose Centennial Session on Millimeter and Sub-Millimeter Waves,” which was arranged to commemorate the centennial of J. C. Bose’s pioneering experiments on millimeter waves. Two invited papers in this session, one from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Tucson, Arizona, and another from Calcutta University, Calcutta, India, reviewed the contributions of Bose in the late 19th century to quasi-optical millimeter-wave research developments including a 60-GHz source, a semiconductor detector, dielectric lenses, absorbers, waveguides, and horn antennas. Some of Bose’s original equipment (still in working condition) was brought from the J. C. Bose Institute Museum, Calcutta, India, and was demonstrated by scientists from India as a part of this year’s IMS Historical Exhibition.

The total number of IMS papers presented this year was 413. These papers were carefully selected by our Technical Program Committee out of a total of 752 papers received. This put the paper acceptance rate at 54.9%, which ensured a high quality technical program. Our 237 dedicated MTT-S volunteers on the Technical Program Committee reviewed an average of 30 papers each (most during the last Christmas holiday season) to select the best papers for inclusion in the program.

Thirty-two percent of the IMS technical papers (a total of 132) were presented in two interactive forum sessions on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This mode of presentation allows maximum one-on-one interaction with the authors and was immensely popular with the Symposium participants. Out of the regular sessions, three sessions on Tuesday were jointly arranged with the RFIC Symposium and another one (on Thursday) was jointly organized with the ARFTG Conference. These joint sessions helped to integrate

the three segments of the microwave week into a more coherent technical program.

Six lunch-time panel sessions presented discussions on exciting topics, such as Device Technology Choices for Commercial Portable Power Amplifier Products, Transceiver Technology for Multi-Mode Wireless Personal Networks, IC Reliability Needs for Commercial Applications, Packaging Techniques for Optical/Microwave Modules, Balancing the Trade-offs between Thermal Management and Electrical Performance in Microwave Packaging, and Radio Frequency Identification Tags and Data Cards. Six technical committees of the MTT Society co-sponsored a lively rump session on “HF to UHF Designs and Applications” on Tuesday evening. Another highlight of the technical sessions was the Tuesday morning Plenary Session with keynote addresses on “LMDS as the Broadband Solution” and “Will the Real PCS Please Stand Up?,” the two telecommunication infrastructures that are revolutionizing the microwave/RF industry.

In addition to these sessions, an outstanding and very popular part of our technical program was the collection of 24 workshops arranged on Sunday, Monday, and Friday. This year, IMS recorded the largest ever workshop participation with 2775 attendees in these workshops. We had 10 full-day workshops and 14 half-day workshops with a diverse range of topics selected to provide an exciting and timely program to augment the continuing education of microwave-engineering professionals. The workshop topics were selected, by a subcommittee of the IMS Technical Program Group, out of the 35 proposals received. To ensure a systematic participant feedback that will help to improve the workshop program in future IMS Symposia, we introduced a system of electronically processed “workshop questionnaires” for all workshop attendees. This year’s workshops’ topics are listed below.

- The emergence of multipoint distribution systems (MMDS, LMDS).
- Low-voltage, low-power consumption RFIC’s for wireless communications products.
- Measurements for silicon and GaAs telecommunication IC’s.
- State-of-the-art filter design using EM and circuit simulation techniques.
- Microwave and millimeter-wave optoelectronic integrated-circuit modules: manufacturing and applications.
- Nonlinear measurement and modeling.
- Cryogenic packaging of electronic subsystems and their applications.
- System requirements for ferrite components.
- Ferrite measurements and device applications.

- Next-generation high-speed mixed signal testing.
- EM waves in artificial structures (PBG's).
- Millimeter-wave opportunities for automotive and radio applications.
- Digital-frequency synthesizers: technology and applications.
- Emerging business issues in microwave technology.
- Telecommunications and spectrum policy for the microwave engineer.
- Low-cost millimeter-wave products: Design and manufacturing issues.
- Power amplifier design for digital wireless systems.
- Interconnects and packaging for RF wireless communications systems;
- Nonlinear frequency-domain device modeling and circuit simulation.
- Optical amplifiers in microwave systems;
- Applications of artificial neural networks to microwave design.
- Epitaxial materials manufacturing for HEMT's and HBT's.
- Quasi-optical power combining.
- World-wide-web site basics.

Another noteworthy activity in this year's technical program was an enhanced Student-Paper Competition, in which 31 en-

tries were received. In addition to presentation of these papers in the regular IMS program, these papers were presented on Wednesday in three special "student paper" sessions. These sessions were attended by a panel of judges for selection of the outstanding student papers. This year, all the Student-Paper Competition participants were offered financial assistance toward travel expenses. Funding for this new initiative was supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Organization of such a comprehensive technical program is a major undertaking. We would like to thank all 237 volunteers of the IMS 1997 Technical Program Committee. In addition, special thanks are due to the Steering Committee Technical Group. Don DeGroot (along with John Meredith and Ajay Sreenivas) did a terrific job on the workshops, Moto Kanda handled focus, panel, and rump sessions, and Stoyan Ganchev handled the Student-Paper Competition. Roger Marks arranged an excellent plenary session. John Norgard organized the interactive-forum sessions. Gerhard Koepf headed the Symposium Digest publication, and Chris Jelks headed the CD-ROM effort. Gifts for technical contributors were arranged by Dick Booton. Roger B. Marks and Dylan Williams were our ARFTG and RFIC liaisons, respectively. We thank all the Steering Committee members for their involvement and tremendous help in making the technical program such an outstanding success.



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