

Message from the 1997 Technical Program Co-Chairs



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Welcome to Denver and the 1997 MTT "Microwave Week". We hope that the '97 International Microwave Symposium provides the best possible opportunity for you to keep up-to-date on our rapidly changing field. The program structure is similar to previous years, with the International Microwave Symposium papers scheduled Tuesday through Thursday, including 5 focused sessions, 2 interactive forums, and the Student Paper Competition in three daytime sessions this year. One of the focused sessions is a retrospective on the history of the development of microwave measurement techniques and physical standards at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Boulder,

Colorado. Also, the session on Millimeter Waves and Submillimeter Waves includes two invited papers to mark the centenary of Jagadis Chandra Bose's millimeter wave research and the Historical Exhibit will have a display of early millimeter-wave equipment used by Bose in India 100 years ago.

The choice of 24 workshop topics is the widest ever presented. An expanded Sunday schedule includes both MTT and RFIC workshops. Other workshops run on Monday and Friday, in parallel with the RFIC and ARFTG conferences. Lunch-time panel sessions and an evening rump session complete the technical program offerings.

Selection of such a comprehensive program is a major undertaking. A total of 752 papers were reviewed in order to select the 433 papers in the program! More than 240 dedicated volunteers on the Technical Program Committee reviewed an average of 30 papers each to select the top papers for inclusion in the Symposium. We would like to thank all of them; refer to the photographs on the following pages for their names. 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 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 the CD-ROM effort. Gifts for technical contributors were arranged by Dick Booton. Roger Marks and Dylan Williams were our ARFTG and RFIC liaisons, respectively. We would like to thank all the Steering Committee members for their involvement and tremendous help in making the technical program be the best possible.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your feedback on the program. Have a great week in Denver!



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