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Announcements

Your Invitation to RAMS 2009

The Annual Reliability & Maintainability Symposium
The Worthington, A Renaissance Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas USA
January 26-29, 2009

The RAMS 2008 Symposium, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the last week of January, was a rousing success. It was attended by more than 700 scientists, engineers, academics and students from 33 countries. RAMS will mark its 55th year in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 26-29, 2009. Regardless of the products, systems and processes that create your reliability universe, there is a great deal more to learn than can be obtained in any classroom, library or literature search. Please plan to attend RAMS in Fort Worth for a rich human-based experience.

Sponsored by 10 professional societies, including the System Safety Society, RAMS is the premier forum for sharing your experience, knowledge and roadmaps to success.

Inventory Reduction Sale

RAMS is currently conducting an Inventory Reduction Sale of its in-stock Proceedings and Tutorial Notes, up to and including the 2005 Symposium. Bound paper copies are on sale for up to 60% off their regular price. CD copies are on sale for 30% off their regular price. This is a great opportunity to complete your RAMS library.

Read more at <http://www.rams.org/proceedings/>.

Summary of NDIA System Safety Committee Meeting April 23, 2008

Safety News from NDIA

The U.S. National Defense Industry Association's Systems Engineering Division System Safety Committee met on April 23, 2008, in Washington DC. Highlights of discussions were:

- "National Association of Environmental Managers (NAEM) Chemical Risk Management Proposals,"** by **Dr. Carol LeBlanc, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Installations and Environment** — Dr. LeBlanc explained that the NAEM Chemical Risk Management Work Group is a partnership between the U.S. DoD and industry with the objective of reducing life-cycle chemical risks. The working group was formed to identify potential barriers due to DoD policy and guidance that inhibit the use of "less hazardous" materials. Members of the System Safety Committee will participate in the working group to develop a white paper documenting these potential barriers and recommendations to alleviate them. The Committee will vet the white paper throughout the Systems Engineering Division addressing these barriers, targeted for completion by the end of 2008.
- "Defense Safety Oversight Council's Acquisition and Technology Programs Task Force (ATP TF),"** by **Dr. Elizabeth Rodriguez-Johnson, ATP TF Secretariat** — Dr. Rodriguez-Johnson, Special Assistant for the Safety, Systems and Software Engineering Directorate, summarized the year-to-date accomplishments and ongoing efforts of the ATP TF. (Chris DiPetto is now the Acting Chairman of the ATP TF, since Mark Schaeffer has retired from government service.) Dr. Rodriguez-Johnson categorized the task force activities by DoD policy, DoD guidance, continuous process improvement, education and training, tools and outreach. A new initiative for the task force is to focus on how to assess the impact of the task force activities on specific programs. A summary of all ATP TF

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The Next Generation
of System Safety
Professionals

August 25-29 2008

ideas
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experiences

The conference theme, "The Next Generation of System Safety Professionals", is an invitation for professionals at relatively early stages of their careers to benefit from the wealth of system safety knowledge and experience acquired by the membership of the System Safety Society".

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activities can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/atptf/>.

- **"11th Annual Systems Engineering Conference," by Paige Ripani, Industry Co-Chair of the System Safety Committee** — NDIA's Systems Engineering Conference will be held October 20-23, 2008, in San Diego. No technical paper is required. Submitters should consider system safety topic areas applied to interoperability and systems integration, network-centric operations, aging aircraft, capability maturity model integration, integrated risk management, systems engineering training and education, sustainment and upgrade of legacy systems, and integrated systems engineering, test and supportability diagnostic disciplines. For more information, visit <http://www.ndia.org/Template.cfm?Section=9870&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=12342>.
- **"Revision to MIL-STD-882D," by Sherman Forbes, Government Co-Chair of the System Safety Committee** — Sherman Forbes, SAF/AQ, stated that there has been steady progress on an update to MIL-STD-882D. He is anticipating that the new version will be a revision to MIL-STD-882D (e.g., rev 1), rather than an "E" version to ensure consistency with references in current DoD policy. The goal for the rewrite is to include tasks from MIL-STD-882C, reflect changes to keep consistent with DoD policy and ensure consistency with terminology and definitions.

If you are interested in participating in the System Safety Committee meetings, please contact Paige Ripani at ripani_paige@bah.com or Sherman Forbes at Sherman.Forbes@pentagon.af.mil.