

## ECONOMICS OF INFORMATION TRANSFER SPRING MEETING THEME

### NEW ORLEANS' MONTELEONE HOTEL SET AS HEADQUARTERS APRIL 23-25

The Spring, 1978 meeting of ASIDIC will take place at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 23-25. The theme of the meeting will be Economics of Information Transfer.

Sunday, April 23, will be taken up with committee meetings and the traditional introductory mixer from six to eight in the evening. All meeting participants and speakers are encouraged to arrive in time to enjoy the mixer.

Monday, April 24, will begin with the ASIDIC business meeting at nine in the morning. Several important matters of business, including the site and date for the Fall 1978 meeting and the changes to the ASIDIC By-Laws and Constitution will be covered. Important committee reports will be given during this meeting. J. Ron Smith, ASIDIC President, will conduct this session.

Completing the morning session will be two speakers, Robert H. Marks of the American Institute of Physics, and Daniel U. Wilde, of the New England Research Application Center (NERAC). Mr. Marks will present "Economics of Batch Searching."

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Following the luncheon (included in the registration fees), three more presentations will be made to the attendees. Collin K. Mick, Applied Communication Research, will talk on the "Economics of On-Line Data Bases." Herbert Nobles will discuss "Pricing of Services," and Donald T. Hawkins, Bell Laboratories, will cover "Cost Effectiveness of Manual and Machine Searching."

After a short coffee break, attendees will be divided into three workshop groups that will meet until five o'clock. These groups will be

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headed by Kay Durkin, Douglas Ferguson, and Greg Payne. Another general mixer will be held Monday evening from five-thirty to seven o'clock.

Tuesday morning will start with the workshop reports by the leaders of the three groups. Mr. Ronald Segal of EDUCOM will then make a presentation on "Economics of Networking." Following lunch, a panel on the "Economics of Data Base Production" will feature J. Ron Smith, John E. Creps, and Tom McDonald, three recognized experts in the field.

Following this group, all of the speakers will participate in an open panel on the Economics of Computerized Information that will end the formal program of the Spring meeting.

Registration for the Spring meeting will be \$45 for ASIDIC members and \$55 for nonmembers. Further details and a meeting registration form are included in this newsletter.

## FALL '78 ASIDIC MEETING SET FOR CHICAGO - HOSTED BY IITRI

Contrary to the announcement in the last issue of this newsletter, the Fall '78 meeting of ASIDIC will take place in Chicago, Illinois, sometime in September. IITRI, under the direction of Peter B. Schipma, will act as host for the meeting. The exact dates and site will be determined during the ASIDIC business meeting to be held Monday, April 24, during the Spring meeting.

Peter Schipma will present two meeting sites, one near O'Hare Airport and one downtown Chicago. The ASIDIC members will decide which site and the exact dates of the Fall meeting.

The report that the meeting was to take place in Iceland preceded final ASIDIC Executive Committee approval of the meeting. The Executive Committee decided to explore more closely the topics and

format for a joint ASIDIC/EUSIDIC meeting before committing a regular meeting to a site outside the U.S. Further word of this ongoing dialog with EUSIDIC will be given during the business meeting in New Orleans.

## ASIDIC CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVALS SOUGHT IN NEW ORLEANS

As announced in last summer's newsletter (Number 29), changes to the ASIDIC By-Laws and Constitution will be considered at the Spring '78 meeting. The two By-Laws changes are fairly straight forward: One deals with voting methodology; and one deals with the make up of ASIDIC committees. The changes are:

1. That By-Law III Section 4 be changed. It now reads: "When there are two candidates for a vacancy, election to office shall be by simple majority of the votes cast." The proposed change would add the words, "by secret ballot." following the word, "cast.", in the sentence. The proposed By-Law would read: "When there are two candidates for a vacancy, election to office shall be by simple majority of the votes cast by secret ballot."
2. That By-Law IV Section 2 be changed. It now reads: "These committees shall be chaired by and composed of Members appointed by the Executive Committee." The proposed change would read: "These committees shall be chaired by a Member appointed by the Executive Committee and be composed of Members selected by the committee chairman and approved by the Executive Committee."

Anyone having questions about the proposed changes should contact J. Ron Smith or any member of the ASIDIC Executive Committee.

The constitutional changes, contained in a special letter to all voting members from Daniel U. Wilde, ASIDIC Secretary/Treasurer, will be discussed at the Spring meeting and will be voted on shortly after via-mail ballots

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These changes, one dealing with the dissolution of the organization and the other outlining the limitation of activities that ASIDIC may engage in, are meant to ensure approval of ASIDIC as a nonprofit organization by the IRS. Text of these articles are available from Daniel U. Wilde, NERAC, Mansfield Professional Park, Storrs, CT 06268.

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