

## **Join the 2012 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium in Montreal: The Largest Gathering of Wireless/RF/Microwave Professionals in the World**

The 2012 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium (IMS) together with the RFIC and ARFTG conferences will be held in Montreal, Canada as part of Microwave Week. From 17-22 June, 2012, attendees will experience a technical program that offers the most comprehensive collection of advanced RF/microwave/wireless R&D and the opportunity to peruse the largest exhibition (over 900 booths) of related products as the largest gathering of the industry professionals come together for this annual event. The IMS organizers are anticipating up to 10,000 participants this year.

This year, the organizers have broken multiple IMS records including the number of technical paper submissions, MicroApps presentation proposals, and student competition paper submissions. Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the MTT society by holding the event outside of the USA will make this a truly unique event to be remembered.

The opening ceremony (18 June) will highlight plenary speaker, Mr. Steve Mollenkopf, President and Chief Operating Officer of Qualcomm, on "3G/4G Chipsets and the Mobile Data Explosion." The Closing Session (21 June) features keynote speaker, Professor Thomas H. Lee of Stanford University, on "The Fourth Age of Wireless and the Internet of Everything". The technical program includes 83 technical sessions, 47 workshops/short courses and 7 panel/rump sessions. The technical programs are related to six broad areas including "Microwave Field and Circuit Theory, Passive Components, Active Components, Systems and Applications, Emerging Technologies, and General Interests". There are 610 technical paper presentations and 272 workshop presentations representing the state-of-the-art in RF/microwave R&D. Student Paper Competitions, Student Design Competitions, and Graduate Design Challenge will highlight the outstanding contributions of the new generation of researchers from academic communities.

This year's commercial exhibition features over 550 exhibitors. 20% of the exhibitors are from outside the USA and more than 50 are making their first appearance. We will also see a strong presence of local companies and are anticipating a great deal of interaction among this international array of exhibitors. Attendees will find everything required for your work, ranging from wireless components and semiconductor ICs to test equipment, from software packages to sub-system integrators, from substrate materials to precision processing techniques. In addition, 79 MicroApps presentations will take place on the exhibition floor. Exhibition hours are Tuesday, 19 June, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Wednesday, 20 June, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Thursday, 21 June, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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Please join our social events to enrich your experience in IMS2012: the Welcome Reception (18 June), Women in Microwaves Reception (19 June), Ham Radio Social (19 June), GOLD and Student Reception (19 June), Industry Hosted Cocktail Reception (20 June), the MTT-S Award Banquet (20 June, tickets needed), MTT-S Student Awards Luncheon (21 June) and the IMS2012 Closing Reception (21 June).

Please visit our website <http://ims2012.mtt.org> [1]. This year, we have developed new mobile features to serve you better. If you have an iPhone/iPad/Blackberry/Android or other mobile device or a desktop/laptop, you can browse and search the entire symposium program including technical sessions, workshop/short courses and social events.

The IMS2012 will be held in the colorful Palais de Congrès de Montréal located in the heart of Montreal. A complimentary weekly pass will be offered to all attendees who stay in our officially listed hotels booked through the conference hotel registration process. All of our designated hotels are within a short walking distance or one to two stops on a bus or subway to the symposium site. There is a regular public bus service (#747) that connects the airport with Montréal downtown within 30 minutes.

June is the perfect time of the year to visit Montréal judging by the weather conditions and festival activities. Montréal downtown is a very animated place, and also one of the safest metropolitan areas in the world. We have prepared a set of local tours for visitors and family members. A Guest Lounge is available for your guests to relax and meet, and for the families to have fun. That is right, please bring the family. There are so many sights to see, so much to do, and so much to taste. In addition, there are famous festivals and international happenings immediately before and after the symposium.

Please join IMS2012 for a memorable time that you cannot afford to miss. See you soon! Q.J. Zhang and David Vye, IMS2012 Publication and Publicity Chair/Co-Chair

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