Until Next Year IMS, Au Revoir!

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IMS 2012 in Montreal caused quite a stir, in more ways than one. Exhibitors and attendees alike complained of extensive lines at customs, and some exhibitors even turned back after having issues getting their booth materials across the border.

Those of us who did find our feet on Canadian land, perusing the exciting new products and technologies that lined the show floor were very happy with the outcome.

Conversations were light yet educational, from discussing the quantity of attendees walking the show floor, to chatting about the new and improved products that were on display.

So what were the hottest technologies displayed?

First place definitely goes to **GaN** (gallium nitride) technology, a compelling alternative to silicon for many RF applications. The biggest issue with GaN: cost. This is a technology that companies must be willing to pay a few more pennies for.

IEEE **802.11ac** takes a close second. Incorporation of the 802.11ac standard, which provides high-throughput wireless local area networks (WLAN) on the 5 GHz band, was happening across the board.

Third place goes to **Radar** applications, which included military radar, automotive radar, and even commercial marine radar.

All in all, the show was a success, and Montreal was an extremely cool city. So until next year, au revoir!

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