

**ETD Section Activities Report
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To: Mark Pagano, ETD Chair
From: Jerome Tapper
Subject: ETD Section Activities Report

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Mark,

In preparation for the ETD section activities report to be given at the 2003 Annual ASEE Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, I submitted a global request on the ETD list serve on May 15, 2003 to request any pertinent activities information of each of the ETD geographical sections. In addition, I called for volunteers who would be willing to act as ETD activities “information collection agents” in addition to those who I already know are currently in this position. The EXACT text of that e-mail is as follows:

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CALL FOR SECTION ACTIVITIES

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ETD Colleagues,

As I prepare for the ASEE Annual meeting in Nashville, I will be reporting on ETD regional activities. As some of the regions seem to NOT be represented by "ETD activities collection representatives" (these are what I called in my last e-mail request "section heads"- probably a bad term!) I will be working this coming summer to create a web site to help with this process. In the mean time, for those of you who know you are among these "ETD regional activities collection persons", please send me a brief report outlining your regions activities (large or small or none !) since our last meeting. For all others (any ETD member) , please be kind enough to send any ETD activities (regional or institutional) relating to your institution to me directly at the e-mail address at the bottom of this letter. I will create an appropriate activities report from this information that you provide to me. In addition, I will be requesting volunteers for ETD regional activities information collection representatives. In fact, I would like to have two people from each geographical region. So, if you are interested, please let me know. (I will work out the details of who is in what region) Collecting ETD activities info is really not that hard !!!!

Below you can see a list of activities that you may have had at your institution or regionally. Please review this and send me or your regional ETD activities person, if you know who that is, any local activities info so that I can include this in my report in Nashville.

ETD Activities
Local - Regional - National - International

“We want to know about it !!!”

EXAMPLES:

Conferences:

- Local conferences hosted or will be hosted by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended.
- Regional conferences hosted or will host by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended.
- National conferences hosted or will host by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended.
- International conferences hosted or will host by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended.

Events:

- Educational events hosted or will be hosted by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended.
- High school/vocational school events sponsored by, hosted or will host by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended that helped to promote and further the theme of Engineering Technology. Such events as Science Fairs, Industry visits, are good examples.
- K-12 events sponsored, hosted, or will host by your institution or any that your ETD colleagues from your institution have attended that promoted the theme of Engineering Technology.
- Honor society (TAP) events locally, regionally, nationally or internationally that your institution has hosted or colleagues from you institution have attended.

No event is too small or too local. The purpose of letting us know this information is two fold. First, it allows all of your fellow ETD colleagues to know what is going on nationally within other ETD programs across the country. Secondly, it helps to promote your own institution by putting you institution’s name in front of thousands of colleagues across the country. There’s nothing like free advertising.

As byproducts of letting us know what you are doing, the ETD Newsletter will also be used to disseminate this information to ETD colleagues across the country. Again, more free program and institutional promotion.

Please let us know what you are doing. If your submitted information is not included in a current edition of our activities report or News Letter due to timing constraints, it will be included in the next edition of both informational instruments.

Sincerely,

Jerry Tapper
ETD Board Member - Activities

The following ACTIVITIES material was received:

ASEE St. Lawrence Section

From John Stratton at RIT:

I am still the Chair of the St. Lawrence Section. We have not meet in the last year, as our next big meeting is at Queens University in Kingston, ONT, on Oct. 24 and 25, 2003. Yes there will be ET papers as a part of the program. There will also be student papers as a part of the program.

The New York State Engineering Technology Association had an excellent meeting at Corning Community College in late March. 80 people from at least 12 ET colleges attended. The next meeting will be in October 2003 at New York City Technical College.

RIT inducted several students into Tau Alpha Pi on May 14, 2003.

RIT continues to be the national training center for Project-Lead-The-Way. PLTW is now in 38 states, with almost 800 high schools participating. Summer training will occur at 13 sites, including RIT, Weber State, Purdue, Univ. of Houston, New Hampshire Tech., and several other colleges and Universities.

Hope this helps.

John

John Stratton, Rochester Institute of Technology

ASEE New England Section

On May 2 – 3, 2003, the ASEE New England Regional Conference was held at the University of Maine at Orono. The meeting held 10 sessions and several workshops. Attendance was excellent as upward of 80 people attended. Conference Chair John McDonough of U Maine headed the program. The New England Section Outstanding Teaching Award was presented to Jerome Tapper of Northeastern University in Boston Massachusetts.

Respectfully

Jerome Tapper

ASEE Illinois-Indiana Section

Mike Jacob and I have been putting on teaching workshops for ASEE and IEEE organizations.

“The Art and Technology of Teaching Technology”

We shall be putting on a workshop for the IEEE Central Indiana Section on June 6th.

We also put on teaching workshops for the 2003 Mid-Atlantic Division Conference and the 2003 Southeast Division Conference.

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Volunteers Wanted

As a result of my e-mail of May 15, 2003, I have received responses from several people who are willing to serve as "Regional" Section Activities Section Leaders. In so doing, these folks will be collecting activities information within their respective regions and reporting this to me in an on-going basis. These new volunteers are:

ASEE North MidWest Section

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ASEE Gulf SouthWest Section

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ASEE Illinois/Indiana Section

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Summary:

It would appear that there is in deed interest in reporting section activities as seen by the people who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be ETD section data collection representatives. One of the things that seem to be an element to be used to rejuvenate this function is to have local activities reported to the entire ETD community via this report and the ETD newsletter. The impetus for this is to promote local activities, which would give the individual member-schools a place to toot their own horns. I am quite sure that there are a lot more local college/university activities then regional conferences etc. I will be requesting info on and reporting on both in subsequent reports. I believe that as time moves on, there will be more interest in ETD schools to contribute to this effort, as “self promotion” is always a worthy cause....Be on the look out for a web site which will help to clarify ETD activities info and other pertinent info that will make it easier for members to determine just what activities they should be reporting and to whom they should be contacting to do this.

Respectfully submitted,

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