

Annual Meeting are invited to submit requests for meeting space. Generally, meetings will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis; however, priority is given to meetings that are open to all interested attendees. Meetings that are open to members and attendees will be listed in the final program, which is distributed at the meeting.

To request a meeting time and space, contact HFES Executive Director Lynn Strother at 310/394-1811, lynn@hfes.org.

Items Wanted for Daily Newsletter

The HFES 2007 Annual Meeting newsletter, *The Seaport Sentinel*, is now accepting items for publication during the annual meeting. Topics may include

- descriptions of demonstrations
- descriptions of exhibits
- dates and places for university reunions/gatherings during the conference
- features on invited speakers, other special guests, or retiring HFES members
- previews of panels, debates, and unique sessions
- information on student-related sessions or activities
- announcements of new academic programs
- job advertising
- TG special session or business meeting information
- upcoming events, conferences, or books of interest to the attendees.

We encourage submissions by e-mail before the meeting to ensure we can accommodate space; however, we will also welcome submissions from all attendees during the conference. Please submit dates and locations for university reunions or other meetings as early as possible.

If you would like to submit an article or become involved with *The Seaport Sentinel*, please contact the newsletter chair, Kevin Durkee at kdurkee@gmu.edu, 309/369-7769, 250 S. Whiting St, #620, Alexandria, VA 22304.

The Seaport Sentinel also invites exhibitors and any other interested parties to advertise in the newsletter during the meeting. If you are interested, please contact HFES Communications Director Lois Smith at 310/394-1811, lois@hfes.org.

Book Your Annual Meeting Reservations Now!

It is not too early to start reserving rooms for the 51st Annual Meeting in Baltimore, to be held October 1–5. Go to <http://cwp.marriott.com/bwiwuf/hfeswebsite> to reserve your room at the special HFES rate of \$185/night. The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel is located at 700 Aliceanna St., Baltimore, MD 21202, 410/385-3000, fax 410/895-1900. ☒

Annual March Symposium: A Success Story

By Jerry Krueger

For the past two decades, the American Psychological Association's Division of Applied Experimental and Engineering Psychology (APA Division 21) has sponsored an annual spring symposium on human factors psychology, held near Washington, D.C. The HFES Potomac Chapter and APA Division 19 have become perennial cosponsors of these events. The theme of this year's Mid-year Human Factors Symposium, held on March 1–2 at George Mason University, was "A New Collaborative Frontier: Innovative Approaches and Applications," and the event was another great success.

Each spring, the symposium brings together notable human factors scientists and prominent university professors, along with their brightest graduate students, to exchange information in a dynamic environment. For the past eight years, they have been joined by a group of top-notch undergraduate cadets majoring in human factors and engineering psychology programs at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy. The symposium features numerous oral presentations, poster sessions, and discussion groups. For the first time, the 2007 program was so large that it necessitated conducting simultaneous sessions.

More than 120 attendees and participants were treated to Ben Shneiderman's (University of Maryland) dynamic keynote address, "Information Visualization: A Platform for Discovery Through Collaboration." Presentations by other speakers featured such topics as training for landmine detection, flight training, performance in operating unmanned aerial vehicles, distributed team coordination, use of real-time collaborative text editors, design of night vision devices, tactile signaling, leadership development, and considerations of posttraumatic stress syndrome. Awards were given for the best student presentations and posters.

In conjunction with the symposium, the HFES Potomac Chapter hosts a dinner meeting. This year, our guest speaker was Sharla P. Rausch, director of the newly formed Human Factors Division of the Science and Technology Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Rausch's talk, "Human Factors at the Department of Homeland Security: Know Our Enemies, Understand Ourselves, Put the Human in the Equation," included her list of human factors job opportunity announcements forthcoming at DHS. The symposium program agenda and the Power-Point slides from Rausch's talk may be viewed under "What's New" on the Potomac chapter Web site, <http://www.erols.com/hfes/poc>.

The symposium is made possible through the cooperation of many active members in the three sponsoring organizations, the dedicated participation of the military academy cadets and their professors, and especially the work of graduate students such as those at the George Mason University Student Chapter. By all measures, the annual Midyear Human Factors Symposium has been a huge annual success story. ☒