

# It's Time to Register for the Eleventh Annual Software Technology Conference

The Eleventh Annual Software Technology Conference (STC '99) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2-6, 1999.

The U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) have again joined forces to co-sponsor STC '99, the premier software technology conference in the Department of Defense (DoD). Once again, Utah State University Conference Services is the conference nonfederal co-sponsor.

The government co-sponsors are Lt. Gen. David J. Kelley (DISA), Lt. Gen. William Campbell (U.S. Army), Dr. Helmut Hellwig (U.S. Air Force), Rear Adm. Kenneth D. Slaght (U.S. Navy), and Brig. Gen. Robert Shea (U.S. Marine Corps).

The theme for STC '99, "Software and Systems for the Next Millennium," is shaping up to be a transition conference reflecting the convergence of the DoD's tactical and nontactical information systems, processes, people, and policy in support of our war fighters. This theme reflects the broader role of software within the domain of knowledge sharing. Going beyond mere transmission of data elements, knowledge sharing identifies the need for contextual exchange of situational awareness within the dispersed, rapid-paced battle space in which modern U.S., allied, and coalition forces operate. STC '99 showcases more than just a "software technology conference"; it sharpens the focus of the ubiquitous role of software, information technology, and information warriors as they support our military capabilities.

We anticipate over 3,500 participants from the military services, government agencies, contractors, industry, and academia.

The general session will be held on Monday afternoon. In addition to the general session, the co-sponsors have agreed to host a question-and-answer general session on Tuesday morning, when they will address questions from conference participants. Conference

attendees are encouraged to turn in their questions to conference management prior to the conference or to the on-site control room on Monday of the conference week. This is a great chance to get answers from our senior leaders on important issues.

Over 600 excellent abstracts were submitted this year by potential speakers, which made choosing a few more than 100 speakers extremely difficult. Participants will be greatly pleased with the selection of speakers and topics.

There will also be a special intelligence meeting held in conjunction with the conference on Wednesday. Top Secret SI/TK clearances will be necessary for this one-day track. Details are in the registration brochure.

Our exhibit area has grown to 324 vendor booths. At press time, limited space is still available. Registration information is in the registration brochure.

For current vendor information, please check the STC '99 Web site at <http://www.stc-online.org>. Space rental rate is \$1,175 per 10-foot by 10-foot booth. Late registration received after Feb. 12, 1999, should space be available, will rent for \$1,275 per booth. A copy of the exhibitor registration brochure with a full layout of the exhibition area is available on the Internet at <http://www.stc-online.org>. For more information concerning the exhibition, E-mail a request to [stcexhibits@ext.usu.edu](mailto:stcexhibits@ext.usu.edu), use fax-on-demand at 435-797-2358, or call 435-797-0047.

One of the greatest benefits of STC is that it provides excellent networking opportunities. Side meetings and Birds-of-a-Feather meetings are already being scheduled. If you are interested in reserving a time for one of these meetings, please call us at 801-777-9828, and we will be glad to schedule a meeting for you.

Hotel guest room reservations are being taken through the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau (SLCVB). To reserve your hotel guest room, fill out the form in your registration brochure or

call fax-on-demand 435-797-2358 for a housing reservation form. As soon as possible, fax it to the SLCVB Housing Bureau at 801-355-0250. Government-rate rooms are filled quickly. Buses will be provided to help with transportation between the conference center and city-center hotels during conference hours. Be sure to read the instructions on the housing form closely.

The conference fee structure for STC '99 is

Discounted registration fee paid by March 26, 1999

Active Duty Military/Government	\$465*
Business/Industry/Other	\$585

Regular registration fee paid after March 26, 1999

Active Duty Military/Government	\$515*
Business/Industry/Other	\$635

\* Military rank (active duty) or government GS rating or equivalent is required to qualify for this rate.

The official STC '99 registration brochure was mailed in early January. We have made it easier to register early this year. Send in your registration forms with your credit card number *now*, and it will not be charged until March 25, 1999. You no longer have to wait until May to register.

All *CROSSTALK* subscribers are on our mailing list. If you borrow *CROSSTALK*, please contact us to be added to our mailing list.

You may use our Web site at <http://www.stc-online.org> for further information about STC '99.

If we can be of further assistance, please call or E-mail. This is one conference that you do not want to miss. We will see you in May!

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