

CSE's 50th Anniversary – Join Us in Trendy and Traditional Austin

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Austin—"Live Music Capital of the World", the home of the grand Texas state capitol, the governor's mansion, the Texas state history museum, and the University of Texas—is the site of the 2007 annual meeting, to be held 18-22 May. This year's meeting will celebrate CSE's 50th anniversary. Sessions will focus on various facets of the future of publishing, including technologic developments and societal changes that will affect scientific publishing over the next 50 years. The history of CSE will also be documented with exhibits of historical information and items in the registration lobby and exhibit hall. A highlight of the meeting will be a special dinner on Sunday night honoring past presidents and other pioneer members of CSE.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Hilton Austin, near the famous 6th Street and Red River entertainment districts. On any given evening, attendees will be able to stroll from the hotel to hear the sound of country, rock 'n' roll, blues, and jazz in more than 150 venues and to sample food from four-star restaurants to down-home barbeque joints.

Several optional tours are being planned for Saturday and Tuesday after-

noons. Destinations include the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and a combined tour of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the Texas state capitol complex, and the Lyndon B Johnson Presidential Library and Museum (the nation's largest and most visited presidential library).

Two futurists are slated to speak on provocative topics at the plenary sessions. Monday's speaker will be Colin Humphreys, the Goldsmiths Professor of Materials Science, Cambridge University. His research interests include all aspects of electron microscopy and analysis, ultra-high-temperature aerospace materials, and superconductors. His hobby is reconstructing ancient historical events with modern science. He has written *The Miracles of Exodus: A Scientist's Discovery of the Extraordinary Natural Causes of the Biblical Stories*. Humphreys says that materials science is now entering a new golden age in which scientists can improve on nature by creating new materials.

Alex Pang, research director at the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto, will



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speak at the plenary session on Tuesday. Pang brings historical and theoretical perspectives to his work on the future of pervasive computing, the end of cyberspace, and the coevolution of technology and society. He is the founding editor of the institute's blog on emerging technologies and previously served as managing editor of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, where he oversaw its transition from print to electronic publication. He is the author of *Empire and the Sun: Victorian Solar Eclipse Expeditions*.

To find out more about Austin, consult the following Web sites:

www.austintexas.org
www.austin.about.com/od/sciencemuseums/
www.austin.about.com/od/austinattractions
www.10best.com/Austin/Sights_&_Activities/Sightseeing/index.html
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