

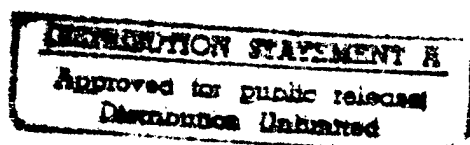
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Test Symposium to Offer Vision for Future Conflict

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Test Symposium to Offer Vision for Future Conflict by John Schnell We are looking forward to this year's test technology conference coming up June 4-6. We have called it "Test Technology Symposium '96 - Visions of Future Conflict." The event will be held at the Kossiakoff Center, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD.

The conference is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 4, to follow the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry on Monday, June 3, also at the Kossiakoff Center.

The event will include an interesting array of displays and some impressive presenters. Our speakers will cover topics linking military testing technologies to emerging weapon and warfighting developments and visions for the future.



Top-level strategy planners within our military departments have used the advent of the 21st century as a springboard for sweeping new concepts for warfighting, including operations other than war, providing interesting and challenging topics for the conference.

The symposium will feature speakers such as Rear Admiral Scott Fry, Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who will describe our Nation's 21st century

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battle plan. This topic will be expanded upon by other presenters such as Dr. Robert Bunker of California State University, and Dr. T. Lindsay Moore of the U.S. Naval War College, both of whom have assisted in defining new defense strategies.

Experienced test leaders from test centers across the country will describe their latest approaches for test and evaluation of emerging high-technology weapons, such as optimizing sensor placements in high-performance aircraft, applying physics to failure methodologies, and full spectrum data collection. A session will be devoted to modeling and simulation, punctuated with a presentation by Jim O'Bryon to "bridge the gap" between the worlds of physical tester and modeler.

A highlight will be papers treating robotics applications to testing. Dr. Bob Finkelstein will chair the session on robotics and discuss an "I.Q." test for robotics systems.

Other speakers include Dr. Moore from the U.S. Naval War College chairing the "hot" topic of nonlethal technology, and Dick Ledesma, Deputy Director of Test and Evaluation for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, who will chair a session on international testing, bringing us up to date on progress in Allied Nations.

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