

## Examinations and Scheduled Events

### FCC Exam Fee Increase

NARTE has been continuing to streamline our processes in an attempt to keep associated costs at a minimum. However, NARTE, along with other non-profit technical support organizations, is faced with the increasing cost of doing business.

Though we have been avoiding an increase in examination fees for years, we ultimately have had to accept that funding the maintenance and support of examination registration, processing and follow-up will require an increase in FCC examination fees. NARTE's FCC Exam fees will increase to \$50 effective November 1, 2005. This will be our first fee increase for FCC Examinations since the beginning of our test administration. Even with this increase, NARTE's fees remain amongst the lowest in the FCC testing field.

The bad news is that the fees are going up. The good news is that the fee increase will not be imposed until November of this year. You can register early and avoid the price change.

## Calendar

### Meetings and Symposia

**October 30-November 4** – AMTA 2005, Newport Marriott Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island.

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Antenna Measurement Techniques Association Symposium includes topics such as antenna measurements, electromagnetic material design and measurement, radar cross-section measurements, antenna range design, material measurements, and measurement equipment. Attendees include academia, industry, government and foreign agencies.

**Info:** AMTA 2005, 2451 Enterprise Pkwy E, Twinsburg, OH 44087, phone: (330) 425-9330, fax: (330) 963-0319, or visit [www.amta2005.com](http://www.amta2005.com).

**October 31-November 3** – IEEE Sensors 2003,

Hyatt Regency Irvine Orange County, Irvine, California.

Sponsored by the IEEE Sensors Council, this conference will include sessions on the theory, design, and applications of sensors; special sessions focused on a variety of sensor topics; short courses/tutorials; and exhibits.

**Info:** Visit [www.ieee.org/sensors](http://www.ieee.org/sensors).

**November 8-10** – IEEE Wescon, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, California.

This IEEE conference program provides application solutions to today's industry design problems and emerging technologies. Discover innovative design tools, test equipment, services and component-level products for the next generation of electronic systems. Exhibits include products for design and analysis; test and measurement; prototype production; power components; active, passive and electro-mechanical components, and interconnects.

**Info:** Electronic Conventions Inc., 1230 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 100, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, phone: (310) 524-4100, fax: (310) 643-7328, or visit [www.wescon.com](http://www.wescon.com).

**November 9-11** – EMC/China 2005, Shanghai Mart, Shanghai, China.

This international conference and exhibition on electromagnetic compatibility will address trends, issues, forecasts, technologies, and research breakthroughs in the industry. Exhibitors include Amplifier Research, ETS-Lindgren, OPHIR RF, Potters Industries, and Omega Shielding Products.

**Info:** Contact Xu Yimin, Shanghai Exhibition Service Co. Ltd., phone: +86-21-62477218, fax: +86-21-62475839.

**December 6-9** – 1<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Symposium on EMC, Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan.

Co-sponsored by the IEEE EMC Society, this conference provides a forum for presentations and discussions of recent advances in electromagnetic

compatibility, EMC design, testing, and debugging.

**Info:** Visit [www.apecmc2005.com](http://www.apecmc2005.com).

## 2006

**February 19-23** – APEC 2006, Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

This conference addresses the application of new components and circuits, design-oriented analysis techniques, and current trends in the design and manufacture of power electronic products and systems.

**Info:** APEC 2006, 2025 M Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, phone: (202) 973-8664, fax: (202) 331-0111, or visit [www.apec-conf.org](http://www.apec-conf.org).

**February 28-March 3** – EMC-Zurich SINGAPORE 2006, Sutec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre, Singapore.

Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, this is one of the top international events in electromagnetic compatibility. The exhibition on EMC and RF/microwave measurements and instrumentation is a key feature of this international event.

**Info:** Visit [www.emc-zurich.org](http://www.emc-zurich.org).

**March 27-31** – PCB Design Conference West, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California.

Dedicated exclusively to PCB design and engineering professionals, this conference covers the basics of design and advanced technologies and features one of the industry's leading product and service exhibitions.

**Info:** PCB Design Conferences, UP Media Group Inc., 2018 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30339, phone: (678) 589-8800, fax: (678) 589-8877, or [www.pcbwest.com](http://www.pcbwest.com).

**May 1-4** – 1<sup>st</sup> AMTA Europe Symposium, Hotel Holiday Inn Munchen-Unterhaching, Munich, Germany.

Sponsored by the Antenna Measurement Techniques Association, this symposium will build a strong European foundation in leading edge technologies for antenna and RCS measurements.

**Info:** Visit [www.amta.org/europe](http://www.amta.org/europe).

## Feedback

### No Letters

Because of the unplanned changing of the guard we have lost the network of people among the rank and file who write letters to the editor and, most importantly, with those who will and wish to contribute articles. We are particularly interested in finding authors in safety, ESD, broadcasting and EMC. Write for a set of authors guidelines.