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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the office of the new president of the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society. My name is Glen Williams and I am a professor in the Computer Science department at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. I have been landlocked at TAMU for 20+ years, and I obviously enjoy the freedom/rigors and blessings/curses of the academic environment. My currently active research areas include computer graphics and scientific visualization, in addition to intelligent control systems for autonomous underwater vehicles.

First, I want to extend the sincere appreciation of the entire Oceanic Engineering Society to Dr. Dan Alspach, the past president of the OES. Dan did a super job of running the Society in a difficult time and was very active in initiating the expansion of the Society's role in support of the organizational foundations, the local chapters. I hope to continue that activity, and therefore would invite any interaction with local chapter personnel.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on this years conference activities of the OES. On June 5-6, 1990, OES sponsored the Symposium on Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Technology at the Dulles Marriot in Washington, D.C. Charlie Stuart of DARPA was the General Chair of this meeting, and DARPA also sponsored a classified Unmanned Underwater Vehicle Symposium on June 7, 1990 in Washington. Both were a great success. Will give more details on the program in the Winter Newsletter

The Oceans '90 Conference is being held in Washington D.C. at the Convention Center on September 24-26, 1990. As Dr. Alspach stated in a previous Newsletter, the OES and the Marine Technology Society have jointly agreed to pursue their separate interests, and therefore Oceans '90 and MTS '90 will be separate conferences starting in 1990. However, both conferences were originally scheduled within one week of each other in the same city this year, and, to make a long story short, the OES has agreed to shift our conference to Monday-Wednesday of the week of September 24, 1990, while the MTS will have their conference on Wednesday-Friday of of the same week. The exhibits are running from Wednesday-Friday, thus giving participants in both conferences the opportunity to take part in the exhibit activities. The technical program for Oceans '90 has some 110+ papers with a special emphasis on underwater acoustics.

In late Newsletters, I'll try to give you a bit of an introduction to each of the upcoming OES conferences, workshops and symposia. See you at Oceans '90 or next year or both.

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