



Professional Networking Opportunities

ACUTA 39th Annual Conference & Exhibition *"Blaze New Trails"*

April 18-21, 2010
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country - San Antonio, Texas

First-Time Attendees' Orientation

Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Vantage Technology Consulting Group

Attendees participating in their first ACUTA event will be welcomed by the Board of Directors, committee chairs, state/province coordinators, and staff at an orientation session at 5:00 p.m. on opening night. Besides a brief introduction to ACUTA, they'll get a quick start in the First-Time Attendees' Contest! If this is your first ACUTA Conference, be sure to mark the appropriate box on your registration form.

Opening Reception

Sunday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Aastra, AVST

The Conference officially opens with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. Enjoy some great hors d'oeuvres and terrific company as you spend an evening getting acquainted - or reacquainted - with the ACUTA network!

Remember: Wear a shirt with your school or company logo to this event!

This event is included for all fully registered attendees. A guest fee (\$30) is required for spouses/companions wishing to attend. Sorry, no one under the age of 16 may attend.

Sunday Hospitality Suite

Sunday 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Apogee

After the Exhibit Hall closes on Sunday night, mix and mingle with friends old and new in the hospitality suite.

Birds-of-a-Feather Lunch

Monday Noon

Do you have a special reason for attending the ACUTA conference this year - a particular question or an issue you'd like to see addressed? Birds-of-a-Feather tables are designed to put you in touch with other attendees who can help you find answers and solutions.

To make this activity even more effective, tell us what's on your mind. E-mail topics you'd like to see discussed to Donna Hall at dhall@acuta.org. We'll collect and consolidate everyone's suggestions and announce the final table topics at the Conference.

Young Professionals Reception

Monday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Have you been in the field of ICT, telecom, IT, or higher ed for less than 10 years? If so, you're invited to attend this reception (whatever your actual age...). The ACUTA Young Professionals Subcommittee planned this event as an opportunity to allow anyone who is new to the technology to exchange helpful hints, useful information, and business cards. It's a great way to grow your own personal and professional network. Check the box on the registration form and make plans to attend this reception and enjoy a light libation at the end of our first full day.

Awards Luncheon

Tuesday Noon

Awards and Luncheon sponsored by PAETEC

At lunch on Tuesday we will honor the individual selected to receive the ACUTA Ruth A. Michalecki Leadership Award and this year's winners of the Institutional Excellence in Information Communications Technology Award.

Annual Banquet

Tuesday 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Set the Night Ablaze!

Springtime in the Hill Country may be cool and mellow, but we'll set the night ablaze at the Annual Banquet Tuesday night!

First, we'll gather for a reception where we can relax and enjoy conversation with old friends and new acquaintances. The upbeat southwestern sound of a saxophone-and-guitar duo, punctuated by a costumed fire-diva dancer, will set a lively pace as we feel the energy of today's new old San Antonio.

Next, as the reception ends and the banquet begins, a blast from the brass will lead us across a red carpet entrance into the Grand Ballroom. The fiery decor and lively colors combine with live background music during dinner to set a hot pace for a cool evening.

After a delicious dinner, we'll celebrate the presentation of the Bill D. Morris award and the passing of the Presidential gavel. Then we'll see the excitement spread like wildfire as the 10-piece The Pictures band rocks the room until 11:00 p.m. with high-energy music great for listening and dancing.

Dress for a hot time in bright southwestern colors - turquoise, orange, red, and yellow - as we Blaze New Trails in fun and good times!

The evening includes two drink tickets for beer, wine, or mixed drinks to be used during the reception and during or after dinner. Wine service will be provided during dinner. All non-alcoholic beverages will be provided throughout the evening, and a cash bar will be available.

This event is included for all fully registered attendees (and exhibitors who have regis-tered for a social registration). A guest fee (\$69) is required for spouses, companions, and other exhibitors wishing to

attend. Space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Sorry, no one under the age of 16 may attend.

Lunch by Location

Wednesday Noon

Wednesday's lunch provides an informal setting to network with others from your state or area. Greet others who may work in your very city; discuss state or local issues; get acquainted with your state or province coordinator. You may have is-sues in mind that are of special significance to you and your neighbors. This lunch provides a unique networking opportunity, a special ACUTA tradition.