



Professional Networking Opportunities

ACUTA 41st Annual Conference & Exhibition *"Faster...Better...NOW"*

April 29 – May 2, 2012
JW Marriott - Indianapolis, IN

First-Time Attendees' Orientation

Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: 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.

Sponsors: AVST, CEECO, Microsemi

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 (\$39) 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: TBD

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 5:00 - 6:00 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 field of information communications technology or the high ed area 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 Windstream

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.

Banquet Reception sponsored by ShoreTel

Start Your Engines!

Indianapolis loves its sports, but the world knows this city as the home of the Indianapolis 500! You'll think you're at the Speedway as the banquet and reception look, sound, and feel like the world's most famous and prestigious auto race.

We'll get our engines started with a reception and drinks in the ballroom foyer, then move inside for our special dinner service and the presentation of the Bill D. Morris Award and passing of the presidential gavel. After the formalities, sit back with friends and enjoy the music of "the band etc" (yes, that's the name of the band) from your dinner seat or out on the dance floor. There will be great sounds, amazing vocals, and high energy.

Dress however you'd like—from comfortable casual to "ready to party"—just be prepared for lots of fun and networking all the way to the finish line!

This event is included for all fully registered attendees (and exhibitors who have registered for a social registration). A guest fee (\$79) 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 issues in mind that are of special significance to you and your neighbors. This lunch provides a unique networking opportunity, a special ACUTA tradition.