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December 2007 Newsletter

The staff at NAPT wishes you all a most wonderful and safe Holiday Season!

Holiday Hours

NAPT will be closed starting on December 24, 2007 and will reopen on the 2nd of January 2008. We will be checking voicemail and emails, and following up on emergencies. We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends during the continued holidays and a very prosperous New Year!

NAPT's New Website...

We are very excited to announce that we have finally launched our new website. The design process has been a difficult one, but we believe the user will greatly benefit from the efforts of all involved. There are several new menu items that offer information about our services, the value of Proficiency Testing, what an ILC/PT is, FAQs, Testimonials, Accreditation Body Requirements, and more. Once registered, each participating lab will be able to view the participation documents associated with each ILC/PT that NAPT offers, and will also have availability to all layers of the site.

The biggest problem in getting the new site launched was the development of the backend tools that will allow us in the near future to fully integrate the online data submittals to our management application, "*ILC/PT Management Application*". These features are being tested and fine tuned and will be available in 2008. Upon its completion, registered participants will have access to their enrollment status, be able to view & print their reports, check the status of their ILCs, and access in-depth analyses of their participation, all online! These are features we know each one of you will appreciate and take advantage of. We look forward to your visiting and exploring our new website and letting us know what you think.

As always, we appreciate all suggestions and comments the community has to offer.

MSC

Do you have your plans made yet to attend the 2008 Measurement Science Conference? NAPT will be there, please stop by our booth to see what is new. For more information please visit, <http://www.msc-conf.com/msc/index.html>, we look forward to seeing you in Anaheim.

Possible Change in Fees Schedule



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NAPT has not experienced a change in its fee schedule in the last 3 years. The Board of Directors will be reviewing this information over the next month or so to determine if a change in fees is in order. Please feel free to contact us to discuss your renewal and/or early renewal to include the Multi-Year Membership option, which allows your company to lock into the fee schedule that is currently in place. We will keep you posted as things progress.

Regional Events – Spring of 2008

Please watch for a separate notice later this month concerning Regional Events which are being offered this spring. The number of participants is growing but we need to receive a strong response to have each of the proposed locations locked in on the calendar. PTs being offered are:

NAPT-SCALE-302	Analytical Scale
NAPT-SCALE-402	Bench Scale
NAPT-CMM-112	Calibration of a CMM
NAPT-ROC-102	Optical Comparator
NAPT-RGSP-100	Granite Surface Plate
NAPT-RRHT-100	Rockwell Hardness

If you are aware of other interested labs in your area that are unfamiliar with the Regional Events that NAPT offers, please let us know who we can contact or have them get in touch with us. Word of mouth can really make a difference!

NAPT Member ILC/PT Points Program

2008 – 1st Quarter Featured ILC/PTs offered at a reduced rate are the:

NAPT-THERMISTOR-201
NAPT-FORCE-301
NAPT-GAGE-201
NAPT-TORQ-407
NAPT-ELECTRICALS732B
NAPT-PRESSUREm-6220
NAPT-DTTIND-307
NAPT-HUMIDITY-SS-1

To learn more about the added membership benefit of the *NAPT ILC/PT Points Program*, please give us a call. We would be happy to tell you all about it! The staff at NAPT appreciates the support from the measurement community and looks forward to continued growth in the service that we offer.



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2007 Comes to a Close

It is a good feeling to look back over the year and review the progress and accomplishments that have been made. During 2007, NAPT added 8 new ILC/PTs in response to your requests. We also developed new products to enhance the value of our service; the *Earned Points Program*, the *ILC/PT Schedule and Results* report, a new *Proposed Proficiency Testing Plan* report and the *Customer Survey*. With the time-consuming efforts of developing all this in addition to the new website, we were even able to squeeze in relocating the NAPT offices.

It's been a busy year and a very good year and we thank all of our members and participants for being a part of it! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and blessings for a safe and happy holiday season!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Staff at NAPT.

***Check NAPT's NEW Website at www.proficiency.org
for answers to questions, current ILC/PT offerings,
Regional postings and more!!!***

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