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February 2008 Newsletter

Regional Events Are Scheduled for April 2008

NAPT is happy to announce the upcoming dates for the Regional Events that are planned for this Spring. The response to our last newsletter has locked 3 of the 4 events into the following dates and locations:

- April 1 – 4, 2008 Flint, Michigan
- April 8 – 11, 2008 East Coast - Need more participants to lock this event in.
- April 15 – 18, 2008 Danville, VA
- April 21 – 24, 2008 Louisville, KY

These dates may vary a little based on participant response. The area of PT interest at this time for the East Coast is the Analytical Balance, Bench Scale and Optical Comparator. We would appreciate hearing from any lab in the areas of Harrisburg, PA to Allentown, PA to New York City, to Philadelphia, also to include the northern portion of New Jersey that would be interested in hosting this event.

The 6 ILC/PTs that are offered through Regional events are the Analytical Balance, Bench Scale, Optical Comparator, Granite Surface Plate, Hardness Tester and Calibration of a CMM. A minimum of 6 participants for each ILC/PT offered is required to make it available at any given event. Therefore, we appreciate your sharing this information with anyone who might have an interest in participating in the ILC/PTs mentioned above.

Time is of the essence! It is possible that participation in certain ILC/PTs could fill up right away. Please notify NAPT for scheduling at your earliest convenience so as not to miss out! You can respond by phone at 952-303-6126, e-mail – napt@proficiency.org, or fill out a request to participate form found on our website – www.proficiency.org. Detailed information will be provided to those of you who have already committed within the next week.

NAPT to Attend MSC in March 2008

MSC is just weeks away.....have you made your travel arrangements yet? The Measurement Science Conference is to take place next month at the Disneyland Hotel located in Anaheim, California. The Exhibit Hall will begin Wednesday, March 12th and run through Friday, March 14th, however, Seminars and Training will begin on Monday, the 10th. MSC is a great venue for connecting with your customers, vendors and peers. Visit www.msc-conf.com/msc/index.html for detailed information.



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Consider bringing a guest to MSC, extending your stay, seeing the sights and enjoying the weather. Check out the Guest Programs on MSC's website which offer "Tours and Tastings". MSC is a conference you don't want to miss!

Please stop by NAPT's booth in the Exhibit Hall to introduce your self and to discuss your proficiency testing needs or concerns. We appreciate your interest and comments as we are continually seeking out ways to improve our service to the metrology community.

Minnesota Regional Event – Offered Fall of 2008

We are very excited at the opportunity to offer a Regional Event right here in Minnesota. The 3M Corporate Metrology Laboratory located in St. Paul, has offered to host a Regional Event in the fall of 2008. The scheduling of this event will also depend on the response that we receive for participation.

Please give your participation in one of these events serious consideration. There is no set schedule as to when this opportunity will present itself again.

New ILC/PTs Now Ready for Scheduling

NAPT would like to extend our 'Thanks' to our Members and participants for providing us with your requests for new ILC/PTs. As a result of your requests, we are in the final phase of completing these new ILC/PTs:

NAPT-AIRFLOW-208
NAPT-CAPAC-METER-108
NAPT-CMM-208
NAPT-ROUNDNESS-108

To schedule any one of the above ILC/PTs, please contact Karen at karen@proficiency.org or by calling the NAPT office.

We are looking for additional parties that would be interested in a Sound Meter ILC/PT and/or a Light Meter ILC/PT. We would like to move ahead on the development of these 2 particular PTs, but need to have additional commitments for participation before we begin development.

If you would like to participate in the development of a new ILC/PT with NAPT, please contact our Technical Director at 652-303-6126.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Staff at NAPT.

You are receiving this update because in the past your company has indicated a desire to be kept updated on the activities of NAPT. If you do not wish to receive further updates from NAPT, please respond in the subject line "Remove from Update List".