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Fab Four in Washington

At this time of the year, SLAC Director Burton Richter and Fermi Director John Peoples head to our nation's capital for discussions with DOE and Congress about the future of high energy physics. This year the two senior directors are joined by their director-designates: Jonathan Dorfan and Mike Witherell.

Y2K: Fact and Fiction

Plan to drop in on an informative and entertaining lunch time seminar at noon on Friday, April 30 in the SLAC Auditorium. Speakers will examine Y2K facts (such as the effect on SLAC) and current myths. Speakers include Mark Joseph, author of "techno-thrillers" and a panel of some or those responsible for insuring SLAC's Y2K compliance. Bring your lunch, your questions and your comments.

Looking for ISMS?

With final approval of the SLAC Safety Management System (SMS) document, Phase I of the SLAC Integrated Safety Management System Program has been completed. Hard copies of will be distributed around the site within the next two months. You can download a copy in PDF format from the ES&H home page at http://www.slac.stanford.edu/esh/esh.html

Cypriot Visitors

Theo Kotseroglou, an NLC physicist, recently helped with an SSRL tour for Marios Eliades (a former minister of civil works of Cyprus and Prime Minister candidate in the past elections in Cyprus) and Max Nikias (director of the NSF Institute of Media Integration at USC). The visitors were here to discuss the possibility of a light source in Cyprus. Herman Winick, who recently retired from SSRL but was called back to duty, is working on a possible move of the BESSY light source from DESY to somewhere in the Middle East.

Tech Pubs Update

Reminder that Tech Pubs will begin moving from the first floor to the second floor of the Central Lab next week. In addition, SLAC has begun a national search to find a replacement for Kathryn Henniss, who has moved over to High Wire Press on Campus. The search for a new head of Technical Publications will take several months, so to bridge that gap, Kern Bowman is filling in as Acting Head. Kern comes to SLAC from EPRI where he managed their Publications Department.

How NOT to E-mail
If you have a complaint, think twice about sending an e-mail with a copy to two associate directors, the future director of the lab, the legal counsel, and a few safety persons, as someone at SLAC recently did. Some things are better handled one on one, in person, or on the phone, according to the Emily Post of E-mail Etiquette. "You are more likely to make a fool of yourself and alienate others by indiscriminate copies," she says.

It's Not Plastics, It's Sensors

If you're old enough to remember the movie, "The Graduate," then you'll recall that the magic word then was plastics. Now it's sensors. Researchers at DOE's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory have created a new container that lets officials track the safety of container contents during transportation and storage. Containers can be designed to monitor pressure, temperature, movement or the removal of contents. GPS systems can monitor location. Now, can this be adapted to monitor the location and contents of the family car when the kids go out for the evening?

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