## **EDITORIAL**

## The Shock and Vibration Symposium – 65-Year-Old Forum Remains Strong

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Since 1947, the Shock and Vibration Symposium has been a leading forum for engineers, scientists, program managers, and academics concerned with structural dynamics in response to shock and vibration.

Over the past 10 to 15 years, the symposium has offered approximately 200 technical presentations and drawn about 500 attendees annually. By offering tutorials, training sessions, discussion groups, and panels — along with the technical paper presentations — this forum offers valuable information to both the veteran and novice attendee.

Though the "backing" organization for the Shock and Vibration Symposium has changed over the years, the forum has continued uninterrupted for 65 years. HI-TEST Laboratories has operated the symposium since 2002 and will operate it again this year. Through the Shock and Vibration Exchange (SAVE), HI-TEST will continue to offer the annual symposium and other technical forums to the shock and vibration community into the future.

Due to the economic hardships and shrinking budgets that many organizations have been faced with in recent years, it would have been understandable to see a dramatic decline in the symposium program for 2012. But the 83rd Shock and Vibration Symposium program is as technically strong as symposium programs of recent years.

It is a testament to the value of this forum that its technical contributors and program supporters have remained committed to the shock and vibration symposium. Each year, the symposium program's quantity and quality depend on the willingness of engineers, researchers, and scientists to share their technical studies and practices with others in the shock and vibration community.

By learning from technical presentations, attendees can become better educated in

how to perform their own roles within their respective organizations. And the symposium provides the opportunity to professionally network in a practical manner with peers in government, industry, and academia.

The symposium program is a reflection of the studies and practices that are of major interest to government and industry today. As research branches into new and different areas of shock and vibration, the program follows suit accordingly. HI-TEST and SAVE look forward to serving the shock and vibration community by providing professional forums for sharing ever-evolving and emerging technologies this year and in the years to come.

The 83rd Shock and Vibration Symposium will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans in New Orleans, LA over November 4-8, 2012. For more information, please visit www.savecenter.org.

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