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Subject: Minutes of October 21, 1997 Meeting of the Technology Transfer  
Committee of the Research Council of ASNT

The Technology Transfer Committee met at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday October 21, 1997 in the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The attendance list is attached.

The meeting opened with a review of the activities sponsored by the Technology Transfer Committee at the 1997 Fall Conference ongoing. Two Technology Transfer sessions were organized and chaired by Yosi Bar-Cohen and Bob Shannon. The topic of the sessions was the transfer of nondestructive evaluation technologies between the medical community and industry. Also, Bob Shannon used his position as Host Committee Chairman to create a technology transfer opportunity at the local level. The Pittsburgh Section Host Committee organized a detailed tour of medical diagnostics facilities at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as the local industry tour for the conference.

Discussions in the meeting concentrated on building on the success of this year's efforts by continuing the technology transfer thrust with the medical community and to creating new initiatives to add to this success. The following action items resulted:

1. Contact the Nashville Host Committee and key Tennessee ASNT members to generate a new theme that can coordinate with 1998 Fall Conference.
2. Try to establish possible links with local energy and automotive industries.
3. Create a session consisting of people from universities who help researchers learn the ropes of technology commercialization.
4. Create a session to transfer technology between engineering disciplines need for life prediction and aging assessment.

At the Technology Transfer technical sessions even presentations were made and a very active panel discussion was held. Participation was outstanding with the morning session starting with twenty-seven (27) and ending with fifty-one (51) attendees. In the afternoon attendance fell off to twenty-four (24), but

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this remained a significant improvement over the attendance levels of five to ten (5-10) achieved previously. The panel discussion also was well attended, with twenty (20) enthusiastic participants.

A number of action items resulted from this panel discussion:

1. A request was made to sponsor a Technology Transfer session for Medical Diagnostics at the 1998 Spring Conference in Anaheim.
2. A suggestion was made to submit a proposal to the new ASNT Foundation to sponsor an NDT professor to work in a medical facility.
3. A suggestion was made to create a web page to include links to the medical community.
4. An action item was created to develop opportunities for joint conferences.

The Technology Transfer Committee will meet again at the 1998 Spring Conference in Anaheim, CA. All members are encouraged to bring new participants to the meeting.

Regards,

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Attachment: List of Attendees



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