MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
In addition to a full technical program of presented papers, APEC 2008 will offer Professional Education Seminars on important topics for practicing design engineers or anyone whose area of responsibility includes quality, manufacturing, or marketing. The Seminars and Technical Sessions will be supplemented by informal Rap Sessions that address important topics of the day, and the annual Micro-Mouse contest.

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   Connectors, bus bars, substrates, thermal management

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   Power systems for electronic equipment, mobile and autonomous equipment, automotive and transportation, aerospace, military, lighting systems, ballasts, alternative energy, UPS, electrical power generation, transmission and distribution

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Prospective authors of technical papers are asked to submit a three to five page digest. The digest must be double spaced in 10-point or larger font and a maximum of five pages including any abstract (optional), figures, and tables. Referencing within the digest should be done by number (i.e. [1]), but the list of references is to be submitted online separately from the digest. The digest should not include any author names or affiliations. For further details please visit www.apec-conf.org.

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