

■ DesignCon Returns to Santa Clara

DesignCon '99, the annual electronic-design conference hosted by the International Engineering Consortium, returns to the Santa Clara (Calif.) Convention Center February 1-4. Actually a conglomeration of five different conferences, DesignCon covers on-chip systems, programmable logic, high-performance systems, digital communications, and intellectual property.

The registration fee for the full conference is \$645 and includes lunches, plenary sessions, receptions, and proceedings. Shorter programs are also available; admission to the exhibits is free. For more information or to register, contact IEC (Chicago) at 312.559.4600, write to designcon@iec.org, or visit www.designcon.com.

■ Semiconductor Fabrication by the Book

Integrated Circuit Engineering (ICE) has released *Advanced Semiconductor Fabrication Handbook: Putting the Deep Sub-micron Puzzle Together*, an imposing tome covering the self-evident topic. New chapters cover copper metallization as well as the usual topics of low-*k* dielectrics, damascene processing, crystallography and preparation, deposited films, and planarization processes. Not for the faint of heart.

A copy of the book, plus CD-ROM, sells for \$995 (additional copies \$695). To order, contact ICE (Scottsdale, Ariz.) at 602.515.4260 or stop by www.ice-corp.com.

■ Tel' e ke myü ne ka' shens

CRC Press has released the *Data and Telecommunications Dictionary*, a 768-page compendium of terms with "colorful, easy-to-understand" coverage of close to 7,500 entries. Edited by Julie K. Peterson, the book is just one in the publisher's Advanced and Emerging Communications Technologies series.

Copies of the book (ISBN 0-8493-9591-7) sell for \$50. For more information or to order, contact CRC Press (Boca Raton, Fla.) at 800.272.7737 or visit www.crcpress.com.

■ A Release 1.0 You Can Trust

"A guidebook for the road ahead" is how publisher Daphne Kis describes the venerable *Release 1.0*, an (almost) monthly newsletter edited by Esther Dyson. The publication tracks trends, business, the Internet, software, and community.

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