

■ Spring Into DSPs in April

Miller Freeman's **DSP World Spring** design conference makes its way to the Santa Clara (Calif.) Convention Center the week of April 26. As in previous iterations, the conference starts with optional full-day tutorials that give way to a series of 90-minute sessions while the exhibit floor is open. This year's topics include DSP benchmarks, rapid prototyping, speech coding, DVD, intellectual property, digital TV, and cellular standards. Jeff Bier, Jennifer Eyre, and Ole Wolf of BDTI are among the presenters.

A full three-day pass costs \$895; one- and two-day passes are considerably cheaper, and an exhibits-only ticket is free. To register, or for more information, contact MFI (Euleless, Texas) at 817.255.8050 or visit www.dspworld.com.

■ Where Tech Talks

TechTalks, the first annual event dedicated to speech and linguistic technologies, is coming to the World Trade Center in Boston June 8–9. The exhibit-plus-tutorial format starts off with a keynote presentation by Gaston Bastiaens, president of Lernout & Hauspie. Other topics under scrutiny are voice-enabled information appliances, speech/text translation, hardware for voice technology, and something called V-commerce.

Early registration (before April 19) for the full conference runs \$795. For more information, or to register, contact MFI (New York) at 212.615.2982 or visit www.techtalks.com.

■ Where Stupid ASIC Designers Go

Into the pages of *It's the Methodology, Stupid*, a 200-page hard-cover book covering the flow and methods of chip-level design and design tools. Written by Pran Kurup, Taher Abbasi, and Ricky Bedi, the \$62 book is published by their consulting company, ByteK Designs. It covers, at a relatively high level, the ins and outs of different ASIC-design tools, deep-submicron effects, behavioral synthesis, design verification, timing analysis, and floor planning.

For more information, contact ByteK (Palo Alto, Calif.) at 650.813.1230 or visit www.bytekinc.com.

■ Platform99 Is Not About Horizontal Surfaces

It's about microprocessors, chip sets, graphics, and multimedia and it's called **Platform99**, the PC-platform and -technology conference. To be held at the new Silicon Valley Conference Center in San Jose, the two-day event runs July 21–22. Organized into multiple tracks, Platform99 allows attendees to take in four briefings per day from a number of PC hardware and semiconductor companies, with more than 100 presentations scheduled.

Early registration (before May 31) costs \$895; late registration adds \$230. An optional half-day seminar on the 20th by conference organizer and analyst Bert McComas adds \$395 to the bill. For more information, or to register, contact InQuest (San Jose) at 408.985.7785 or visit www.platform99.com.