

See you in '95!

This is the fourth and last issue of 1994. It reaches you with some delays as the secretariat of the EPE Association has been fully involved with the organisation of the reviewing procedure of the Conference. We did receive 780 synopses and 170 experts are going to review them. The International Steering Committee will meet in January to decide on the acceptability of the proposed synopses.

This year was a difficult one for everyone. The economical crisis did not spare anybody and we are all struggling to survive. Yet, this year was highlighted by some fine events: the PEMC'94 conference showed how efficient our Polish neighbours can be and the first EPE Chapter Symposium on Electric Drive Design and Applications was a success last October.

Media are now claiming that the crisis is over, at least in some countries and as a matter of fact, some colleagues are overloaded with new orders. Might this be a good omen for the year to come! Business will never be as it was. New products will have to be even more efficient, more cost effective. New components will have to come even closer to the limits of physics, complex control strategies will have to be used more widely to satisfy the customer's needs, standards will be even more severe. Let's keep it simple: our work as design, manufacturing or sales engineer will be more and more complicated and involve more and more knowledge. This is where EPE Association stands to help you: the Journal, the conferences or symposia are places where experience can be exchanged, knowledge can be gained. The tutorials are organised to help you catch up with a new field. The programme of the EPE Association for the next two years is full of events:

- PED-EPE courses on "Computer simulation tools for power electronics and applications" from 26 to 30 June 1995 and on "Converter design with power semiconductors" 10 - 13 July 1995;
- the EPE Conference on 19 - 21 September 1995 in Sevilla, with EPE Tutorials on various subjects (to be decided on by you - see reader service card) on 17 and 18 September 1995
- more PED-EPE courses in 1995-96
- the EPE Chapter Symposium on Electric Drive Design and Applications in June 1996 in Nancy;
- the PEMC-EPE Conference in October 1996 in Budapest.

Such a programme shows how vivid our community is. Let's meet sometimes in 1995!

In the meantime, I wish you and your family, in the name of the EPE Association, a happy and fulfilling year 1995.

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