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UPE Newsbrief

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2011 Annual Conventin of UPE – The 2011 UPE Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas on Friday, March 11, 2011. The convention venue will be the Sheraton Dallas Hotel and is held in conjunction with the 2011 ACM SIGCSE Symposium (<http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2011/>). Below is a brief summary of convention highlights:

- **Presentation of the ABACUS Award to Dr. Donald Knuth, Stanford University.** More details on this award can be viewed on the front cover of the UPE website at www.acm.org/upe/. As part of his ABACUS Award presentation, *Prof. Knuth* will hold a Q&A “All Questions Answered” session for the benefit of all UPE convention attendees.
- UPE Chapter Reports – Chapter representatives (students and chapter advisors) can submit a one-page summary of their chapter activities during the past year and make a brief presentation to the Convention. One-page reports can be sent to upe@acm.org.
- Council Member Election – There will be one vacancy on the UPE Executive Council. Additional information on this position will be sent out to chapters in January 2011.

UPE Reception at the 2011 SIGCSE Symposium – UPE will be sponsoring a pizza reception for all student volunteers at the 2011 SIGCSE Symposium. Several colleges and universities in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area have active chapters of UPE. We encourage UPE members from these institutions to attend the UPE Convention and also serve as volunteers for the Symposium. Interested students can view <http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2011/students/volunteer.php> for more information on this volunteer program.

UPE Scholarship Awards for Student Members of the ACM and the IEEE-CS – Student members of the ACM and the IEEE are encouraged to review scholarship awards that are administered by the ACM (http://www.acm.org/chapters/students/upe_award) and the IEEE-CS (contact Mr. John Daniel at jw.daniel@computer.org). UPE provides funds to these societies for use as scholarship awards for active student members of these organizations.

New UPE Membership Fee – UPE has experienced a continuing increase in the need for funds to cover the various UPE awards. During the past few years, with flat enrollments in the computing and information disciplines, UPE income has not kept pace with our annual expenditures and it has been necessary for Council to “dip” into UPE reserve funds in order to cover these awards. In 2008, the Executive Council of UPE approved an increase in the one-time UPE membership fee from \$50 to \$60 beginning with the 2009 academic year. Council subsequently decided to delay the implementation of this new fee to 2011. Chapter Advisors and Officers should note the new \$60 one-time fee for all new members beginning in January 2011. There are no annual dues for members since membership in UPE is for lifetime.

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