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44th Design Automation Conference Adds New “Wild and Crazy Ideas” Track and Automotive Electronics Theme

New “WACI” Track at 44th DAC will Highlight Innovative New Thinking

BOULDER, Colo., Oct. 18, 2006 – The 44th Design Automation Conference (DAC) has added a new “Wild and Crazy Ideas” (WACI) track and a special Automotive Electronics theme to make the electronic design automation (EDA) industry’s premier event even more valuable for the more than 11,000 developers, designers, researchers, managers and engineers from leading electronics companies and universities around the world who attend. Papers are invited for the WACI track to provide an opportunity for the electronic design community to share new, forward-looking technical ideas that have yet to be fully developed and proven. Unlike traditional DAC technical paper submissions, which explore specific technology issues and outline a complete solution, WACI papers allow presenters to share novel ideas in their early stages.

The conference is also seeking papers exploring the unique design issues and challenges related to automotive applications for its Automotive Electronics theme. Some of the system design areas that are especially critical in automotive applications relate to the integration of advanced consumer electronic devices, including navigation and entertainment systems, as well as ensuring safety systems meet compliance requirements.

“The DAC community is instrumental in enabling the development of all of the latest innovations in electronics and bringing the latest ideas to reality, enhancing all aspects of life,” said Sachin Sapatnekar, 44th DAC technical program co-chair. “We are excited to provide a forum for the truly revolutionary and controversial ideas at the 44th DAC with this new WACI track. In addition, we expect the Automotive Electronics theme to highlight a critical application area for integrated systems today and bring new insights for our attendees.”

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The submission deadline for regular papers and WACI submissions is Monday, November 20 at 5 p.m. MST. Authors whose papers are selected will be notified by email by March 9, 2007. Proposals for special sessions, panels and tutorials are due on Wednesday, November 1 at 5 p.m. MST. Selected authors will present their accepted submissions in technical sessions, tutorials and panels at the 44th DAC to be held June 4 –8, 2007 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego. All submissions must be made electronically at the DAC Web site, www.dac.com.

About DAC

DAC is the premier forum for the electronic design industry to exchange information on products, methodologies and processes. Attended by more than 11,000 developers, designers, researchers, managers and engineers from leading electronics companies and universities around the world, DAC includes nearly 250 exhibitors and offers a robust technical program covering the electronics industry’s hottest trends to bring people to the event.

The conference is sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery’s Special Interest Group on Design Automation (ACM/SIGDA), the Circuits and Systems Society and Computer Aided Network Design Technical Committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE/CASS/CANDE), the IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA) and the Electronic Design Automation Consortium (EDA Consortium). More details about DAC are available at: www.dac.com.