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NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK TO HONOR CREATOR OF MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1994 – You won't likely see Marvin Camras on the evening news. Nor will you hear his voice booming from the stereo. Chances are, you're not even going to spot his name on the credit card on an American Express commercial. Camras is no media superstar, yet he is the man who made possible today's \$5-billion electronic communications industry. That's because he developed magnetic tape recording – the technology behind audio cassettes, videotape, computer floppy disks and even credit card magnetic strips.

Camras, a Life Fellow of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. (IEEE), is one of thousands of engineering pioneers to be honored during National Engineers Week for their positive contributions to American lifestyles. "The Engineering of Everyday Life" is a theme of National Engineers Week, February 19-25, 1995, selected to draw attention to the myriad aspects of contemporary living which resulted from the often-anonymous work of engineers.

Camras, now 78, developed an interest in electronics while still a youngster growing up in Chicago. At age 18 – to help is cousin practice singing – he first recorded sound on magnetically-charged piano wires. Shortly thereafter, Camras discovered that using magnetic tape eased the work of splicing and storing the recordings. His patent on the process was licensed to General Electric in the mid-1930s, and within a few years 130 companies around the globe were using his inventions to manufacture recording devices.

Camras studied engineering at what is now the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he is still on the faculty as a research professor. While an undergraduate, he was invited by his professors to refine his discoveries on the staff of the school's research foundation.

During World War II, Camras pursued military applications of the magnetic recorder, developing the famed "Model 50," a portable machine that the Allies used to play recorded, amplified battle sounds at decoy locations during the Normandy invasion. His wartime patents of a ferric oxide magnetic tape and a method for reducing noise and distortion by using high-frequency bias are still standards in consumer tape recorders today.

In 1950, Camras unveiled a prototype video-tape recorder, which led to the widespread use of video tape, the end of live television, and the eventual development of the videocassette recorder now found in most American homes. To date, he has received more than 500 patents, which have been licensed to over 100 manufacturers worldwide. Among his many honors, he was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame in 1985, and received the National Medal of Technology in 1990.

He lives today with his family in a solar-powered house he mostly built himself, where he pursues his avocation of crafting high-quality violins and violas – one of which is used by his son-in-law, head of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's viola section. His son is an electronic engineer with Hewlett Packard.

The IEEE, through its United States Activities division (IEEE-USA), is one of more than 50 organizations sponsoring National Engineers Week 1995. The week involves tens of thousands of engineers in activities designed to increase awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession.

The IEEE is the world's largest technical professional society, with an international membership of some 320,000 electrical, electronics and computer engineers, and computer scientists. IEEE-USA promotes the professional careers and technology policy interests of IEEE members in the United States.

Editor's note: This article and that published in the October 1994 Newsletter provide somewhat different versions of the early history of magnetic tape recording.

IEEE MAGNETICS SOCIETY OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1995

Election of officers for calendar year 1995 and one third of the Administrative Committee for a three year term beginning on January 1, 1995 was completed on November 1, 1994. The officers and elected AdCom members who will serve in 1995 are the following:

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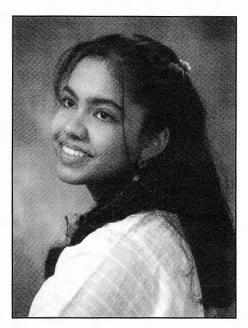
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1994 MAGNETICS SOCIETY SCHOLAR



Faeza Rashid

Faeza Rashid is the recipient of the National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the IEEE Magnetic Society. The scholarship amount is \$4000 per year and it provides stipend for up to four years of undergraduate study. Being named a Merit Scholar is recognition as one of our nation's most outstanding young men and women. Some 6,500 Merit Scholars are selected from approximately 14,000 outstanding finalists representing about half of one percent of U.S. high school graduating seniors.

Faeza graduated from R. Nelson Snider High, Fort Wayne in 1994 with an *Indiana Academic Honors Diploma*. She currently attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is admitted to a combined 6-years B.S./M.D. program jointly with Albany Medical College in Albany, New York. Faeza has been named one of the 500 finalists in the 1994 Presidential Scholars Program. She took honors and AP courses, and has an outstanding academic record. While at her High School, she took college courses including multi-variable calculus, Physics mechanics, and Physics electricity & magnetism at Purdue University at Fort Wayne campus. She completed 39 Purdue credits hours with a 4.0 GPA, in addition to advanced placement credits in mathematics, chemistry and biology.

Among her many honors and achievements, Faeza is the winner of The 1994 Sterling Sentinel award in Science. In an interview with The News Sentinel (Thursday, April 21, 1994), biology teacher Barbara Kampschmidt called Faeza "the most talented student I have encountered in my 22 years of teaching. Students of Faeza's quality are very rare." Faeza plans to double major in biological science and psychology, and wants to be a Cardiologist. She is the daughter of Muhammad H. and Fatema Rashid. Her father Dr. Rashid is a professor of electrical engineering and chair of Engineering Department at Purdue University at Fort Wayne campus.

IMMINK HONORED

The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) has awarded the 1994 Alexander M. Poniatoff Gold Medal for technical excellence to Kees Schouhamer Immink, chief scientist, Phillips Research Labs, The Netherlands. The award is given "for outstanding contributions to the development of new techniques and equipment that have contributed to the advancement of audio and video magnetic recording and reproduction." The medal, named after the founder of Ampex Corp., has been presented at the 136th SMPTE Conference, Los Angeles, October 1994.

ADVANCES IN MAGNETICS ISSUE ON THE FARADAY EFFECT

A special issue commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Farady Effect is being planned.

In 1846, Faraday published his original work on what is now commonly referred to as the Faraday effect. It could be argued that this discovery gave birth to the subject area we now refer to as magneto-optics. I would like to invite Magnetics Society members and Newsletter readers who are active in some aspect of magneto-optics to contribute to an Advances in Magnetics issue, in 1996, commemorating the 150th anniversary of this event. Papers on any of the familiar magneto-optic effects (Kerr, Voigt, Cotton-Mouton, gradient, etc.) will be considered appropriate, particularly those relevant to the field of magnetics.

The conditions for publication will be the same as for regular contributions to the IEEE Transactions on Magnetics (see 'Information for Authors' in any current issue of the Journal). In order to best accommodate the wishes of the authors regarding the lengths of their contributions, as well as to gauge overall response to this invitation, I request that contributors send me proposed title and short (<100 words) abstract by April 30, 1995. In the event of a large response to this invitation, I will proceed on the understanding that contributing authors will be prepared to join a panel of referees.

Please send contributions by E-mail, FAX or regular mail to:

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IN MEMORY:

Dr. Herbert F. Storm – Founder of the Intermag Conference and the IEEE Magnetics Society

prepared by Joe Suozzi and Fritz Friedlaender

Dr. Herbert F. Storm, formerly of GE, died at his home in Delmar, NY on November 15, 1994.

Born in Vienna, Storm received his Doctorate in Electrical Engineering, cum laude, in 1933 from The Technical University, Vienna, Austria. His early work was in research and development in industrial electronics. In 1946, he joined the Control Department of General Electric in Schenectady, NY. At that time, saturable reactors and magnetic amplifiers were being used in many control applications. Dr. Storm created a unified theory for both magnetic amplifiers and saturable reactors and raised the design techniques from empiricism to an engineering level. He wrote the book "Magnetic Amplifiers" which became the "Bible" of the field at that time. He spearheaded the development of magnetic exciters for generators; he led the development of three-phase magnetic amplifiers to replace amplidynes. He was named Consulting Engineer, Solid State Electronics, and directed the development of MOS-FETs, bilateral switches, fast recovery diodes, triacs and thyristors, especially the GTO (gate turn-off) thyristor.

After retiring in 1973, he was retained by GE as a consultant. For over 10 years, he was Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering at the Graduate Division of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.

He held over 20 patents and was the author of more than 50 professional papers.

Dr. Storm was the founder and first President of the IEEE Magnetics Society (formerly the Magnetics Group of AIEE). He was also the founder of the first chairman (1963) of the International Magnetics Conference and he coined the title "INTERMAG" for this conference. In 1968, he received the Magnetics Society Award for "inspiring leadership, clear vision and dedication to professional development." The IEEE's Herbert F. Storm Best Technical Paper Award is named in his honor.

He also served as a member of the nominating committee for the Magnetics Society Achievement Award which he had been awarded in 1982. He was a member of the editorial board of the IEEE Transactions on Magnetics and recipient of the IEEE Centennial Medal in 1984.

The Magnetics Society offers its deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary Kozlowski Storm, and his daughters, Elizabeth Mary Storm of California and Marietta Douglas of Connecticut.

12th SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIALS CONFERENCE

The international conference "Soft Magnetic Materials" (SMM12) will be held in Krakow (Cracow), Pland, on September 12-14, 1995. The Conference, 12th in the series, is being organized by the Institute of Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences and the Department of Electronics of the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy. The Conference provides a forum for presentation of the advances in basic research, characterization, production and application of soft magnetic materials.

Individuals interested in SMM12 should contact:

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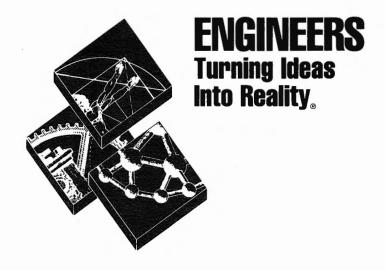
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IEEE FELLOW NOMINATIONS

The Fellow Nominating Subcommittee of the Magnetics Society has established a "clearing house" for nominations for the IEEE Fellow Awards.

If you intend to nominate a Magnetics Society member for this award, please let me know about it. Hopefully, this information will avoid duplication of effort and will prevent worthy candidates from being overlooked.

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INTERMAG '95

Intermag '95 will be held in San Antonio, Texas on Tuesday, April 18 through Friday, April 21, 1995 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel.

SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The 33rd Annual Intermag Conference is a forum for engineers and scientists to discuss the field of magnetics from basic research to applications. Sessions will include invited and contributed papaers, poster sessions and symposia. The diversity of magnetics is represented by presentations covering all branches of magnetics and related technology. Six Technical Symposia will be held during the Conference: MR Heads, Magnetic Circular Dichroism, M-O High Density Recording, Advanced Technologies in Magnetic Recording Tapes, Thin Film Media, High Resolution Magnetic Imaging, and one Tutotiral: Magnetic Methods in Nondestructive Evaluation. The Plenary Session will feature Mr. Glenn A. Reitmeier, Director, High Definition and Imaging Laboratory at the National Information Display Laboratory at The David Sarnoff Research Center. Preceding Mr. Reitmeier will be the presentation of the Magnetics Society Awards and the IEEE Fellow Awards.

For further information contact the conference coordinator: Diane Suiters

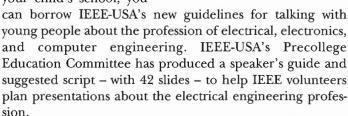
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The IEEE Reynold B. Johnson Information Storage Award was established by the Board of Directors in 1991 and may be presented annually "for outstanding contributions to the field of information storage, with emphasis in the area of computer storage." Recipient selection is administered by the Awards Board through its Technical Field Awards Council.

The Award consists of a bronze medal, certificate and five thousand dollars, and is sponsored by IBM Corporation. It is named in honor of Reynold B. Johnson, who is renowned as a pioneer of magnetic disk technology and was founding manager of the IBM San Jose Research and Engineering Laboratory, San Jose, California in 1952, where IBM research and development is the field was centered.

The Award was presented for the first time in 1993 to: JOHN M. HARKER.

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40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MAGNETISM AND MAGNETIC MATERIALS

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The Fortieth Annual Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials will be held at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA. The Conference annually brings together scientists and engineers interested in recent developments in all branches of fundamental and applied magnetism. Emphasis is traditionally placed on experimental and theoretical research in magnetism, the properties and synthesis of new magnetic materials and advances in magnetic technology. The program will consist of invited and contributed papers. Selection of contributed papers is based on abstracts which are due on May 24, 1995. An Abstract Booklet will be available in advance of the Conference from the American Institute of Physics. Registrants will receive the booklet at the Conference. Proceedings will be published in the Journal of Applied Physics.

In addition, this year marks the 40th anniversary of MMM Conference. Special activities will be held in honor of this event. Attendees from early MMM meetings will be invited to participate in the celebrations.

Individuals who are not on the Conference mailing list may obtain Conference information and details concerning the preparation of abstracts by contacting the conference coordinator: Diane Suiters, Courtesy Associates, 655–15th Street N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 639-5088, FAX (202) 347-6109 or the Publicity Chair: John Nyenhuis, Purdue University, School of Electrical Engineering, 1285 Electrical Engineering Building, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1285, telephone (317) 494-3524, FAX (317) 494-6440, email: nyenhuis@ecn.purdue.edu.

This topical conference is sponsored jointly by the American Institute of Physics and the Magnetics Society of the IEEE in cooperation with the American Physical Society, the Office of Naval Research, the Minerals, Metals and Materials Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials and the American Ceramic Society. The meeting will be open to all persons subject to a registration fee of approximately \$300 (marked reduction for students).

PAPERS SOLICITED FOR MORIS '96

The fourth Magneto-Optical Recording International Symposium (MORIS '96) will be held in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands on April 29-May 2, 1996, which is right after the Intermag '96 conference held in Budapest, Hungary.

The purpose of MORIS '96 is to provide a forum for information exchange on magneto-optical recording and

the related theories. A broad range of topics covering materials, physics, technology of recording as well as fundamental background studies will be addressed. It will include invited and contributed papers in both oral and poster sessions. No parallel sessions will be conducted. English is the official language at MORIS '96. A halfday tutorial session is planned.

The symposium will be sponsored by the Magnetic Society of Japan, IEEE Magnetics Society and other European organizations.

Papers are solicited on all topics relevant to magnetooptical recording and the background physics. Subject areas are: materials, magnetism, magneto-optical effects, deposition technologies, substrates, reliability, high density recording, direct overwrite, magnetic super resolution, domain physics, microstructural characterization, drive technology and heads and future technology.

The second call for papers with details regarding hotel reservations, registration fees and other information can be expected in April 1995. To receive further information about MORIS '96 please contact J.C. Lodder, MESA-Research Institute, University of Twente, P.O. Box 217, 7500 AE Enschede, The Netherlands, tel: +31 53 892750, fax: +31 53 309547, e-mail: lodder@el.utwente.nl.



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