

Society News

The ICASSP 86 conference committee has selected a group of official travel agents to help our members arrange for transportation to the conference on April 8 through 11, 1986. These agents who operate through an agreement with the Japanese Travel Bureau, Inc. (1-13-1, Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103 Japan; Telex: J24418) can arrange for airline and hotel reservations but not hotel reservations only. If you wish to book directly with the JTB you can settle your account with most credit cards (AMEX, DC, MC, and VISA) but not personal checks. The JTB requires a 20,000 yen deposit to secure a room. However, if you deal with a local agent you will probably have to prepay all costs. Of course, the travel agents will probably be able to offer more favorable airline terms than you can achieve on your own.

JAL is the official airline of the conference.

The Conference hotel will be the **Keio Plaza**. Singles with bath are presently between 19,000 and 23,000 yen per night, doubles are between 21,000 and 25,000 yen per night. Alternate hotels and their single rates are the Sunroute Tokyo (9,500 yen), Shin-

juku New City (8,500 yen), and the Shinjuku Washington (7,500 yen). Room charges do not include meals or 10% tax and 10% service charge.

The following is a list of our official local travel agents.

1. **USA** — Elizabeth Flinn, Chevy Chase Travel, 4715 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814; Phone 301-657-3710; Telex 440216 CHCH. Further information about Chevy Chase's plans are in this issue.
2. **France** — Claude Mantica, General Manager, SOCFI, 14 Rue Mandar, 75002 Paris; Phone 1-233-8994; Telex 214403 SOCFI F
3. **W. Germany** — Erika Schmoll, Deutsches Reiseburo GMBH, Eschersheimer, Landstrasse 25-27, D-6000 Frankfurt A.M.; Phone 0611-1566-461; Telex 529230 DR D
4. **UK** — John Molton, Director, MEON Group Travel, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3JN, UK; Phone 0730-66561; Telex 86181 MEON G

The Official US travel agent for ICASSP 86. **CHEVY CHASE TRAVEL, INC.** has made the following arrangements for conference attendees:

1. **BASIC PLAN** — 7 nights at the Keio Plaza Hotel, plus round-trip transportation between airport and hotel, including assistance through customs formalities and half-day get-acquainted tour of the city.

Including round trip JAL air fare from New York	\$1579.00
Including round trip JAL air fare from the West Coast	\$1233.00

These prices are based upon single room occupancy. Cost for double room occupancy is \$88.00 less per person.

2. **BASIC PLAN PLUS ONE WEEK TOUR OF JAPAN** — Mail coupon for tour description.

Price per person, including air fare from New York	\$2058.00
Price per person, including air fare from the West Coast	\$1677.00

These prices are based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room.
Supplement for single room in Tokyo and on the tour

\$ 268.00

3. **BASIC PLAN PLUS 5 DAYS IN HONG KONG** — Mail coupon for tour description.

Price per person, including air fare from New York	\$1716.00
Price per person, including air fare from the West Coast	\$1370.00

These prices are based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room.
Supplement for single room in Tokyo and on the tour

\$ 218.00

If you are required to travel via a U.S. carrier, similar arrangements can be made using United Airlines rather than Japan Airlines.

FOR FULL DETAILS PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED COUPON

CHEVY CHASE TRAVEL, INC.

4715 Cordell Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Telephone (301) 657-3700

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I am interested in Travel Plan # _____ Please send details.
I will be traveling alone _____ I will be accompanied by _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Proposed Amendment to ASSP Society Constitution

At its September 1983 meeting, the ASSP AdCom approved a proposal to amend the constitution to provide for two-year, rather than one-year, terms for the offices of Society President and Vice-President. (The original and amended sections of the Constitution are given below.) The IEEE Executive Committee and Technical Activities Board, through the Chairman of the Technical Activities Board, have recently approved the amendment. Following the procedure for adopting amendments specified in the Constitution (see below), the proposed amendment is being published here. The amendment will go into effect unless 40 or more Society members object in writing within 30 days.

Proposed Amendment

Article V, Sections 6 and 7 are to be replaced by the following:

NEW Section 6. The President of the Society shall be elected by the AdCom for a two-year term. The President may not be elected for two consecutive terms.

NEW Section 7. The Vice-President of the Society shall be elected by the AdCom for a two-year term. The Vice-President may not be elected for two consecutive terms.

Sections to be Replaced

OLD Section 6. The President of the Society shall be elected annually by the AdCom for a one-year term, and may be re-elected but no more than two terms shall be consecutive.

OLD Section 7. The Vice-President of the Society shall be elected annually by the AdCom for a two-year term, and may be re-elected but no more than two terms shall be consecutive.

Procedure for Adoption of Amendments

From the ASSP Constitution, Article IX, Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated either by petition submitted to the AdCom President by a minimum of forty members of the Society or by 2/3 majority vote of the AdCom. Each proposed amendment will be transmitted for administrative approval to the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) and to the Executive Committee of the IEEE. If approved by TAB and the Executive Committee, the proposed amendment shall be published in the Society *Transactions* or Newsletter, or otherwise publicized by direct mailing to the membership with notice that it goes into effect unless 40 or more Society members object in writing within 30 days. If such objections are received, a copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed with a ballot to all members of the Group at least 30 days before the date appointed for return of the ballots, and the ballots shall carry a statement of the time limit for their return to the IEEE office. Approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of the ballots legally cast shall be necessary for its enactment.