**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**“Educating System Designers in the Multi-core, Ubiquitous Computing Era”**

The IEEE Computer Society International Conference on Microelectronic Systems Education is the premier conference dedicated to furthering undergraduate and graduate education in designing and building innovative microelectronics systems. The conference is held in the U.S. in odd years, and in Europe in even years, when it is called the European Workshop on Microelectronics Education (EWME). MSE is co-located with the Design Automation Conference (DAC).

**Topics of Interest**

The MSE conference provides an excellent opportunity for educators and industry to work together to ensure continued excellence in the field of microelectronic systems. Of particular interest is incorporation of trends in the microelectronic system industry and research into the classroom. This year’s theme, “Educating System Designers in the Multi-core, Ubiquitous Computing Era,” brings together current relevant topics including omni-present electronics in the form of cell phones, mp3 players, and even wearable computers with the emergence of chip multiprocessors for laptops and gaming consoles.

Papers are invited but not limited to the following areas:

- Education techniques including novel curricula and laboratories, distance learning, textbooks, and design projects.
- Industry and academic collaborative programs and teaching.
- Preparing students for industry, entrepreneurship, academics, and/or research.
- Educational infrastructure such as design and IP libraries and access to design tools.
- Novel education strategies for all MSE topics including but not limited to embedded processors, multi-processors, VLSI design, CAD, ASICs, ASIPs, DSP, and FPGAs.

**Submission**

Papers submitted to MSE 2009 should not exceed four (4) pages in length. Submissions must comply with IEEE Computer Society formatting requirements. Submissions in pdf or postscript format may be submitted on-line at www.mseconference.org. Submissions will be judged on originality, appropriateness, technical strength, assessment, and other relevant criteria. Expanded versions of selected papers will be considered for inclusion in a special issue of IEEE Transactions on Education based on MSE 2009.

**Important Dates**

- Submission of papers: February 9, 2009
- Notification of acceptance: April 9, 2009
- Submission of final papers: May 11, 2009

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**Demonstrations at the SIGDA University Booth at DAC**

The MSE conference is collaborating with the SIGDA/DAC University Booth located on the Design Automation Conference floor, to schedule a special session on Microelectronics Systems Education on Monday, July 27, 2009 in the afternoon just following the official close of the conference. MSE participants are invited to conduct demonstrations of their projects during this special session and/or throughout the week during DAC. MSE contributors who wish to participate in this event are requested to register their demonstration at the University Booth website, www.sigda.org/ubooth.html. Registration typically opens three months prior to the Design Automation Conference.