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Welcome to the 2014 Bits By The Bay, the SMPTE Washington DC Section’s Annual Technology Conference.

Thank you for coming to this conference and investing in your own expertise. This conference is intended to give you insight into the core technologies needed today and the direction the industry is going. If you thought that with the completion of the transition to HD the rate of change in our industry would slow down, be prepared to have that belief challenged by many of the presentations at this conference.

Eric Wencur again rounded up the presenters and has put together a great program covering a wide range of topics. We have many luminaries returning to the podium this year, as well as many new faces and companies to Bits By The Bay. Please be sure to give them a Chesapeake Beach & NPR welcome.

This conference would not be possible without the unwavering generosity of our sponsors. Helen Carr from Calrec joined our section as manager this year and also as conference fundraiser, and at her first time at bat (and attending this conference!) she managed to break our past record. This has allowed us to again offer free attendance to students, federal government and military attendees. Helen also helped organize the presentations on audio on Thursday’s presentations.

On the mainhead on the right you’ll find a list of all of the SMPTE managers and friends whose efforts made this conference possible. And on the back page you’ll find the great companies that have generously contributed to make this conference possible.

This conference is for you. Have fun, meet up with old friends, make some new ones and learn something new, too. Please fill out the survey so we’ll know how to make our future events even better. Continue to invest in yourself and SMPTE if you’re not already a member and come to our monthly third Thursday meetings. And we’re always looking for ideas and volunteers to make our section even better.

About SMPTE

The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE), is the leading technical society for the motion imaging industry. SMPTE members are spread throughout 84 countries worldwide. Over 200 Sustaining (institutional) Members belong to SMPTE. Our members include engineers, technical directors, cameramen, editors, technicians, manufacturers, designers, educators, consultants and field users in networking, compression, encryption and more.

SMPTE was founded in 1916 to advance theory and development in the motion imaging field. Today, SMPTE publishes ANSI-approved Standards, Recommended Practices, and Engineering Guidelines, along with the highly regarded SMPTE Motion Imaging Journal and its peer-reviewed technical papers. SMPTE holds conferences and local section meetings to bring people and ideas together, allowing for useful interaction and information exchange.