

# CALL FOR PAPERS



## **THE 2009 IEEE CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF TECHNICAL SOCIETIES 5 – 7 August 2009, Philadelphia, USA**

In 2009 the IEEE History Committee and the IEEE History Center will hold the eighth in a series of historical conferences. The 2009 IEEE Conference on the History of Technical Societies will take place in Philadelphia from Wednesday 5 August through Friday 7 August 2009. The theme of the conference will be the history of professional technical associations, a theme chosen because 2009 will be the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IEEE. The location is appropriate because the IEEE, then the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE), held its first technical meeting in Philadelphia in October 1884.

We will invite papers on the history of the engineering profession, particularly on the role of professional societies in engineering, and emphasis will be on the technical fields served by the IEEE. The historical papers will be presented in focused sessions over the two-and-a-half days in two tracks, though there would be one or more plenary sessions. The papers written for the conference will be a valuable contribution to researching the history of engineering organizations, a topic that deserves more attention than it has received. Presented papers will be eligible for inclusion in a conference proceedings volume to be published by IEEE. In connection with the conference there will be an IEEE anniversary celebration on Thursday 6 August from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm, at the Franklin Institute, home to the first AIEE technical meeting.

We expect that at this conference, as at our earlier conferences, we will have a congenial group of engineers, historians, museum curators, and others, dozens of fascinating papers, plenty of time for informal discussion, and some interesting exhibits and excursions. We also hope to keep local costs low to encourage participation by a wide range of individuals.

Technical co-sponsors for the conference include the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Drexel University, the Department of the History and Sociology of Science of the University of Pennsylvania, and the IEEE Philadelphia Section.

Please submit abstract and 1-page C.V., either electronically or in paper form, to Frederik Nebeker, IEEE History Center, Rutgers University, 39 Union Street, New Brunswick NJ 08901, USA; [f.nebeker@ieee.org](mailto:f.nebeker@ieee.org). The deadline for paper proposals is 13 March 2009. Additional information will be posted on the conference website ([www.ieee.org/go/historyconference](http://www.ieee.org/go/historyconference)) as it becomes available. It is anticipated that registration material will be available 15 March 2009.

