**Call for Papers**

**Graduate Students Symposium on Mechanics and Packaging 2004 (GSSMP’2004)**

7-8 May 2004

Hosted by:

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA 01609**

Mechanical Engineering Department

CHSLT – Center for Holographic Studies and Laser micro-mechaTronics

NEST – NanoEngineering, Science, and Technology

Hagglund Conference Room, Campus Center

Co-sponsored by:

SEM – Society for Experimental Mechanics

IMAPS – International Microelectronics and Packaging Society

The intent of this Symposium is to provide a forum for the students specializing in mechanics, packaging, and related fields to present their research to an audience of their peers. Also, the Symposium will provide an opportunity for the students to meet, on a technical and social basis and to develop lasting relationships, with fellow students and faculty from other universities as well as guests from government and industry. Additionally, a panel of judges will evaluate the papers and outstanding presentations will be recognized by awards.

Technical sessions of the Symposium will be conducted on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, respectively. Presentations, in either oral or poster format, to be made only by the students, should be professionally prepared and delivered. Presentation equipment (overhead and electronic projectors, VHS players, etc.) and space for display of posters will be made available to the speakers. All participants are invited to attend the Symposium Banquet, on Friday evening, and the Awards Luncheon, on Saturday.

To facilitate participation in the Symposium, there is no registration fee, and all participants will be our guests during continental breakfasts, coffee breaks, luncheons, and other Symposium related activities. However, the participants will be responsible for their transportation and overnight accommodation expenses, if any. A list of nearby accommodations will be forwarded to all who will indicate intent to participate by returning the attached Symposium Registration Form (SRF). Feel free to copy and distribute the SRF to others who may be interested in the Symposium. Please return, as soon as possible, the completed SRFs to Prof. R. J. Pryputniewicz either by email: rjp@wpi.edu or by fax: (508) 831-5713.

Speakers should also submit 2-page summaries of their papers in the MS Word format, for inclusion in the Symposium Proceedings, on or before May 1, following the attached Guidelines for preparation of summaries for the GSSMP’2004, to Prof. R. J. Pryputniewicz by email: rjp@wpi.edu

Upon receipt of the registration, relevant information (directions, maps, overnight accommodations, etc.) will be sent to help participants navigate to WPI and the specific Symposium related sites.

See you all at the Symposium.

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