Jan. 10-16, 2010

Red Stick Seeks Submissions for Sixth Annual Festival Beginning Jan. 15

Red Stick International Animation Festival, the largest animation festival in the United States, is seeking work from students, amateurs and professionals to consider for its 2010 “Best of the Fest” competition.

The festival is changing seasons for 2010, moving from the spring to the fall. Red Stick will take place Nov. 10-13, 2010, in the downtown Baton Rouge Arts District. The “Best of the Fest” competition is an annual part of festival events, and Red Stick jurists award a “Red Baton” to the top work in each category, announcing winners during the festival. Top Best of the Fest entries also are screened throughout Red Stick for audiences to enjoy.

Red Stick accepts work from students, amateurs or professionals for the Best of the Fest competition, and participants can enter in multiple categories. The festival previously was scheduled to take place in May, and Red Stick initially accepted 2010 submissions in eight categories beginning in September 2009. Anyone who submitted work during this timeframe is still entered in the competition.

Red Stick will resume accepting Best of the Fest 2010 submissions on Jan. 15. Students can enter through June 1, and all other participants can enter through July 15. Red Stick International Animation Festival is seeking work in eight categories for this year’s Best of the Fest competition:

- Animated Short Film (student and professional categories)
- Music Video
- Scientific Visualization
- Animation for Commercials
- Animation for Games
- Animation for Young Audiences
- Experimental Animation/Visual Music (student and professional categories)
- Storyboard Competition

Further details about the submission process are available at http://redstickfestival.org/entries.asp. The festival received a record 435 entries from 45 countries for its 2009 Best of the Fest competition.
Pats on the Back:
• Professor Susanne C. Brenner recently spent a month as *Professeur Invité* at the Laboratoire Jacques-Louis Lions at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris.

Lectures This Week:
• There are no lectures scheduled this week.

• The Department of Physics & Astronomy is hosting a lecture Thursday, Jan. 14, by Gaurav Khanna from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, who will discuss “Cell B.E. and GPU Technologies for Numerical Relativity.” The lecture will take place at 12:15 p.m. in Nicholson 241. The lecture is open to any who wish to attend.

• Jason Howell, postdoctoral associate in The Center For Nonlinear Analysis and the Department Of Mathematical Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University, will give a special guest lecture on “Dual-Mixed Finite Element Methods For Fluids” Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Johnston 338.

Please Note:
• The University will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

• 2010 marks LSU’s 150th (sesquicentennial) anniversary, and the University will host a series of events throughout the year to mark this special occasion. The sesquicentennial launch celebration, “LSU 150: The Year Ahead” will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in front of Memorial Tower, or in LSU Student Union’s Live Oak Lounge in case of rain. This event will feature presentations by Chancellor Michael Martin and current and former University leaders, a performance from the LSU School of Music, and a special, commemorative birthday cake. This event is free and open to all who wish to attend.

• Spring 2010 semester courses begin Tuesday, Jan. 19. If you have questions concerning student worker hours for the semester, please contact Brittany Juneau at bjuneau@cct.lsu.edu.

• CCT and Tulane University’s Center for Computational Science will host Scientific Computing Around Louisiana (SCALA) at LSU Feb. 5-6, 2010. This is an inaugural meeting to highlight cutting-edge topics in scientific computing, showcase research from Louisiana institutions, and promote collaboration across the state of Louisiana. Professor Susanne C. Brenner of LSU and Professor Lisa J. Fauci of Tulane are organizing this meeting. To register (free, but required) or learn more, please visit http://www.cct.lsu.edu/scala2010.

• CCT is hosting the 17th annual Mardi Gras Conference on Computational Materials and Methods Feb. 11-14, 2010, at LSU’s Lod Cook Alumni Center. This conference brings together researchers working in this broad area to promote the cross-
fertilization of ideas, foster information exchange, enable community building and expose graduate students and postdocs to the newest methods and advances. The conference will feature tutorial presentations, posters, in-depth discussions, and demonstrations in addition to several invited speakers. As always, the conference includes a Saturday afternoon trip to New Orleans for one of the city's largest Mardi Gras parades, Endymion. The conference is accepting poster submissions through Jan. 24, 2010. To register or learn more, please visit http://www.mardigrasconference.org.

- CCT is taking registrations for the third Beowulf Boot Camp, led by Professor Thomas Sterling and his research group, which will take place June 14-18 on the LSU campus. This summer education experience gives high school students and teachers a chance to work hands-on with high-performance computing technology not usually available in a typical classroom setting. Participation is limited, and CCT is accepting students and teachers on a first-come, first-served basis. If you work with high school students or teachers who would be interested in participating, please have them visit the camp Web site to learn more or to register.

- Please remember to send your news concerning grants, awards, conferences, or other pertinent information to PR Manager Kristen Sunde at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.

- Follow CCT with social media to access photos and see news, events or updated information. Both these pages are public; you do not need a Facebook or Twitter account to view the information. Facebook group: LSU Center for Computation & Technology Twitter @ LSUCCT

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

- RFP--Amendment--Communications and Networking Technology
  February 16 2010 10:00 am

- RFP--Amendment--Defense Sciences Research and Technology
  February 16 2010 10:00 am

- Software Development for Cyberinfrastructure (SDCI)
  February 26 2010 10:15 am
  At Most $ 3,000,000.00 available

Note: Please see the CCT deadline Web site, as many NSF deadlines are listed here.