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# EI 2000 Symposium Organization

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# What a year!

## I did not get bored

- EI 99 color imaging conference successfully transitioned to Gabriel Marcu
  - Thanks to Reiner Eschbach for providing the continuity
- EI Newsletter Special Issue
- JEI issue on color imaging with Reiner
- Two new short courses
- Internet Imaging conference finally taking off
- ... regular day job



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# What went well

## Hidden empire of over 70 volunteers

- Excellent support from Society's staff
- John McCann able to fill "VCIP pothole"
- *Perception* still with us
- Same number of accepted papers and pre-registrants as last year, despite Y2K fears
  - Expecting 5% less attendants than last year
- 30% increase in short course pre-registrations
  - Special thanks to Jan Allebach
- T-3 Internet drop



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# What went wrong

Only a few glitches

- Proceedings shipped prior to publication date
- Local press release fumbled due to emergency at work
- Did not check Web site for logos



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# What can be improved

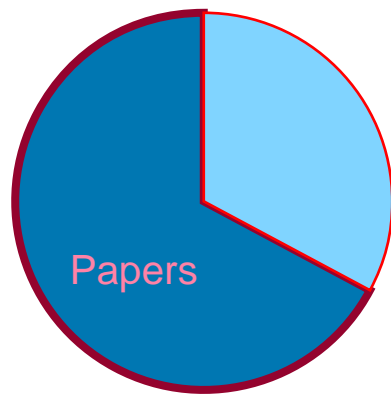
- More high level links on Web site
  - Different slices through the courses
  - Links to conferences on main page shortly before conference
- Proceedings on CD-ROM
- More attention to press
- Attract more local attendees



# EI vs. other IS&T conferences in 1999

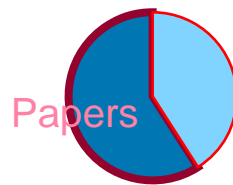
A completely different event

attendees (circle) vs. papers (dark) EI, PICS, NIP, CIC



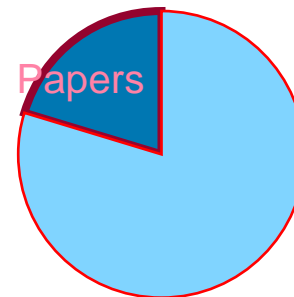
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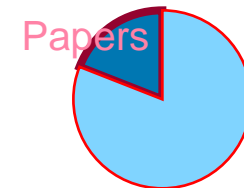
PICS

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NIP

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CIC

ratio 5.3



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# Why is it different?

## A bazaar of new ideas

- More scientific than engineering
- Conference chairs do most of the work
  - Program Committees play minor role if any
  - Sometimes no session chairs
- Hazard: succession problem
  - Conferences can fall apart, like *Media Processors*
  - Quality can suffer when leader has a busy year
- When emphasis is on exchange instead of learning, there is little demand for short courses



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## Possible measures

- Target short courses to Silicon Valley engineers instead of symposium participants
- IS&T should play a more proactive role in grooming new generations of leaders
  - 1989: end of cold war and defense funding
  - R&D replaced by M&A in industry
  - Scientific career development broken
  - Learn from history
    - 1960–2000 industrial age replaced by information age
    - At transition from agrarian to industrial age, guilds missed the boat—will this happen to scientific societies?
    - Must track the needs of the new generation of scientists
    - Communities of interest, fast change, flexibility
    - Self-reliance, limited means

