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CATTW CONFERENCE

May 28-29, 1986

The third annual conference of the Canadian Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, to be held at the University of Manitoba, will focus on dialogue--a continuing dialogue between presenters and listeners. The preliminary programme includes papers presented in both languages on the importance of technical communication skills in the engineering profession, using the storyboard method to organize reports, career opportunities in Canada, writing in the organization, and the language of administrative writing in Canada.

There will also be panels on Developing a Curriculum for the Technical Writer on a Career Path, and A Dialogue Between Employers and Teachers; a seminar on Developing a Full-Time Technical Writing Programme; and a workshop on Using Case Studies for Teaching Technical Writing. Finally, a special presentation by the staff of the Technology Communications Department of Winnipeg's Red River Community College will look at such topics as teaching technical communication at British and Canadian colleges, using the "arrow analogy" to teach technical writing, grading reports at a computer terminal, and others.

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TECHNICAL WRITERS' INSTITUTE

June 9-12, 1986

Now in its 34th year, the Technical Writers' Institute at Rensselaer provides a forum for technical, engineering, and scientific communicators to improve their skills and discover ways to communicate more effectively. The programme emphasizes the relationship of those activities included in technical communication and combines the theoretical with the practical.

Topics this year include: Producing Technical Documents; Editing and Evaluating Documents; Improving the Visual Appearance of Documents. Most sessions will be conducted as a combination of lecture and workshop, with activities designed to show participants how to solve problems frequently encountered in technical writing.

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CONFERENCE ON WRITING FOR THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY

June 7, 1986

"Writing for the Computer Industry" is the third one-day summer conference for communication professionals held at Plymouth State College. It is a practical working conference to meet the communication needs of writers, documentation analysts, editors, and consultants, as well as teachers of technical communication and managers of computing services in colleges and universities.

The conference features presentations by twenty college and industry leaders, workshops, lectures, informal discussions, and displays of professional publications.

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