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Dear Engineering Students, Faculty, and Alumni,

The Steel Ring Ceremony for induction into the "Order of the Engineer" is planned for **Friday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dayton Engineers Club**, 110 E. Monument St., Dayton, Ohio 45402. If you are a current student who will be graduating with an **engineering** degree in November 2009 or March 2010, you are eligible to participate in this pre-commencement ceremony. Alumni with engineering degrees, including degrees from other universities are cordially invited to join the order as well.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Order of the Engineer or the Ring Ceremony, here is some clarifying information:

1) What is the Order of the Engineer?

The Order of the Engineer, Inc. is a symbolic organization that seeks to promote professionalism among engineers and graduates of accredited engineering college programs. It is a fellowship of engineers trained in science and technology and dedicated to the practice, teaching, or administration of their profession. Those who meet the high standards of the Order and wish to join need only attend a Ring Ceremony. This is the only meeting a new member needs to attend. During this ceremony, the new member accepts the Obligation of the Engineer – a lifelong commitment – and is presented with a stainless steel ring. The ring, worn on the little finger of the engineer's working hand, symbolizes the unity of the profession in benefiting mankind and serves to remind the engineer of the professional ethics and moral conduct to which she or he is committed. The Order was founded in 1970 and has since grown to over 100 Links (local sections)(our Link being #93) located in over 40 states with an estimated membership of 38,000 individuals.

2) What is the Ring Ceremony?

Engineers in the United States searched for a creed and symbol which would effectively link training with practice, remind the engineer of his/her obligation, and identify members of the engineering profession to one another and to the general public. Such recognition of the "Calling of an Engineer" has been in use in Canada for many years. It consists of a certificate of obligation written by Rudyard Kipling and the wearing of a simple iron ring upon the little finger of the working hand. It is available only to engineers and is given in a special ceremony at universities to graduates in engineering and to practicing engineers nominated as worthy of the privilege. To respect the Canadian Iron Ring, a stainless steel ring was chosen for use in the United States. Those participating in the ceremony take an oath, which is a moral obligation to society, to the profession, and to oneself. Our ceremony differs from the Canadian but retains the same spirit.

3) After the Ceremony.

Participation in the ceremony and the wearing of the ring give no professional standing as such. By taking part in the ceremony, you join nothing in the sense of joining a professional technical society; further, you obligate yourself to no continuing membership meetings or fees. The whole procedure is dependent solely on individual voluntary action now and hereafter. The Ring Ceremony is the only meeting that you need attend. However, you **must** attend the ceremony in order to join the Order of the Engineer. Wearing of the stainless steel ring is **not** compulsory but it is encouraged.

There is a one-time membership fee of \$5.00 and a \$10.00 charge for the cost of the ring. Participants in the ceremony are encouraged to invite friends and family members.

If you plan to attend the Ring Ceremony and join the Order of the Engineer, please submit the registration form and \$15.00 fee no later than November 13, 2009.

Sincerely,

Bor Z. Jang, Ph.D.
Dean

**College of Engineering and Computer Science
Wright State University
Order of the Engineer, Link #93
Registration Form**

Registration fee of \$15 is payable to WSU at the Office of Event Services, 186 Student Union. Please hand carry your receipt and this registration form to 405 Russ Center, where rings are available for sizing.

Please Print Clearly

NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CLASSIFICATION:

WSU Student WSU Faculty WSU Alumni Other, please specify: _____

DEGREE:

Students indicate the degree to be awarded. Alumni indicate highest engineering degree earned at WSU.

B.S. M.S. Ph.D. Graduation date (Qtr/Year): _____

MAJOR:

Students indicate your major. Alumni indicate major for highest engineering degree earned.

- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- Human Factors Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Systems Engineering (alumni)
- Other, please specify: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS (including yourself): _____

RING SIZE: _____

(little finger on writing hand)

PAYMENT Process:

Your \$15.00 induction fee is payable to *Wright State University* by *cash, check or credit card* at the Office of Event Services, 186 Student Union. After obtaining a receipt from Event Services, please bring your completed application form to the dean's office and have your ring sized. Your receipt and application must be on file in the dean's office in order to participate.

Please return this form to Cindy Oakley in the dean's office and make payment by **November 13, 2009.**

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