

**Technology and Deaf Education**  
*Exploring Instructional and Access Technologies*  
An International Symposium  
June 23-25, 2008

National Technical Institute for the Deaf  
Rochester Institute of Technology

<http://www.rit.edu/~techsym>

## Registration

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) will host an international symposium entitled “Technology and Deaf Education, Exploring Instructional and Access Technologies” June 23-25, 2008, on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York.

The Symposium’s goal is ,to disseminate information relative to current innovation and future developments in the use of instructional technology and education media to support the teaching/learning process. It will provide a forum for the presentation of current state-of-the-art practice and research for educators of the deaf and hard of hearing at levels ranging from pre-school through postsecondary, in both self-contained and inclusive settings.

### ***Who Should Attend?***

This Symposium is for teachers, educational researchers, media/technical specialists and administrators serving learners with hearing loss at all educational levels. Educational institutions are encouraged to send teams of individuals representing diverse roles and perspectives. English is the language of the Symposium; professional sign language interpreters and captioning will be provided.

### ***Program***

The program will feature plenary addresses, concurrent formal presentations, poster sessions, and numerous social opportunities to facilitate the sharing of information and ideas. The program committee is currently reviewing proposals for presentations and poster sessions. A complete program will be available after April 18, 2008 at <http://www.rit.edu/~techsym>.

Symposium topics will be divided into four strands, relating to all levels of education:

#### ***Access Technologies \*New Strand in 2008\**** ***(Pre-School through High School, Postsecondary, All)***

- ❖ Classroom Access Technologies (note-taking, captioning, text display systems, user interface)
- ❖ Mobile Technologies (wireless, cellular, messaging, personal digital assistants)
- ❖ Audio and Sound Technologies of Interest to Hard-of-Hearing Persons

***Using Technology to Support Learning  
(Pre-School through High School, Postsecondary, All)***

- ❖ Individualizing Teaching/Learning Activities Using Technology
- ❖ Instructional Materials Development
- ❖ Adapting Materials for Use with Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Students

***Assessing the Impact of Technology in the Teaching/Learning Process  
(Pre-School through High School, Postsecondary, All)***

- ❖ Impact of Technology Utilization on Learning Outcomes, Learner Behaviors and Attitudes
- ❖ Impact of Technology Utilization on Teaching Behaviors and Attitudes
- ❖ Challenges and Solutions for Assessing the Impact of Technology on the Teaching/Learning Process

***Online Learning  
(Pre-School through High School, Postsecondary, All)***

- ❖ Using Videoconferencing to Support Teaching/Learning
- ❖ Using the World Wide Web and Other Online Technology in the Classroom
- ❖ Sharing Instructional Resources Across Remote Sites

***Host Institution***

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The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), is the world's largest technological college for deaf students. Created by Congress in 1968, NTID represents the world's first effort to educate large numbers of deaf students within a college campus planned principally for hearing students. It also is a leader in the application of instructional technologies in support of learners who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

***Sponsorship***

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The 2008 Technology Symposium is sponsored and funded by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, The Nippon Foundation of Japan, and the Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International).

***Support Services Provided at the Symposium***

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Efforts are being made to serve the needs of a diverse group of registrants. Sign language interpreting and Real-time captioning will be provided for all opening, plenary, concurrent, and closing sessions. Real-Time Graphic Display will be provided for all concurrent sessions. Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) will be provided in all Symposium sessions. The type of ALD provided in the Robert Panara Theatre (where plenary sessions will be held) will be induction loop, while the type of ALD provided in all other sessions will be infrared. Infrared ALD receivers and induction loop receivers will be provided as resources allow. Receivers will be checked out to registrants for the duration of their attendance. **Please convey your needs to the Symposium Office by using the "Interpreter and Other Special Needs" section of the registration form.**

## *All Conference Materials on the WWW*

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Use the Technology Symposium Web site ([www.rit.edu/~techsym](http://www.rit.edu/~techsym)) to learn more about the Symposium and to obtain copies of the Call for Papers and other Symposium materials. You also can access archived materials from Symposia 2001, 2003, and 2005 on the Web site.

## *Online Opportunities*

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We will make available key aspects of the Symposium to those who are not able to travel to Rochester.

- < All plenary speakers will be videotaped and open captioned with the possibility of being video streamed from the Symposium Web site at the conclusion of the Symposium.
- < Transcripts of each plenary address will be posted on the Symposium Web site within hours of their delivery, and are available for downloading.
- < Web-based materials from each paper presentation will be available on the Symposium Web site.
- < Symposium-related materials, including submitted papers, will also be available on the Symposium Web site and eventually on a CD-ROM. Contact the Symposium Office for more information.

## *Symposium Registration*

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Registration for the Symposium includes admission to all Symposium events on June 23 through June 25, 2008; lunch each day at NTID, as well as morning and afternoon coffee breaks and an opening reception on June 23 following the first day's events. Symposium registration is \$300 (Early registration by May 16, 2008 is \$250) and student registration is \$150.

### **Two Easy Ways to Register:**

*Registration fees can be paid by check or credit card depending upon your registration method.*

- < **Fax:** Complete the "Registration Form," include your credit card information, and fax to 585-475-2790.
- < **Mail:** Complete the "Registration Form," include your check made payable to Rochester Institute of Technology or provide your credit card information, and mail to the Symposium Office at the address listed at the end of this form.



## ***Housing Accommodations***

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Arrangements have been made with two hotels to accommodate Symposium participants during their stay.

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| < Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport<br>585-475-1910 (V/TTY)<br>585-475-9633 (Fax) | Single Occupancy | \$86.00 per night |
|  | Double Occupancy | \$94.00 per night |

[http://www.radisson.com/rochesterny\\_airport](http://www.radisson.com/rochesterny_airport)

*(Located a half a mile from NTID Building; complimentary shuttle service provided within a 5 mile radius of hotel.)*

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| < RIT Inn & Conference Center<br>585-359-1800 (V/TTY)<br>585-359-1349 (Fax) | Single or Double Occupancy | \$84.00 per night |
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<http://www.ritinn.com>

*(Located 4.5 miles from NTID Building; complimentary shuttle service provided several times daily.)*

All prices are per room per night. Tax for guest rooms is 14.25%. Complimentary airport transportation is provided by both hotels.

**Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations.** If you make your reservation by telephone, please reference your participation in the “NTID Technology Symposium” to get the proper discounted rate.

All reservations must be received by the hotel by **June 9, 2008**, for guaranteed availability at the special convention rate. After that time, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served bases.

*Please inform the hotel of any special needs or services you will require at the time you place your hotel reservation.*

## ***Symposium Registration***

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Please contact the Symposium chair with any questions.

**E. William Clymer, Symposium Chair**  
**NTID/RIT – PEN-International Associate Director**  
**52 Lomb Memorial Drive**  
**Rochester, NY 14623-5604**

**585-475-6894 (V/TTY)**

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**Early Registration Deadline ~ May 16, 2008**

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**Registration Form**

<b>Name (Last, First, Middle)</b>			
<b>Preferred Name on Badge</b>		<b>Interpreter and Other Special Needs:</b>	
<b>Job Title</b>		To ensure your requests are fulfilled, registration must be received by June 1, 2008. Efforts are being made to serve the needs of a diverse group of registrants. The following services will be provided as resources allow. Please check those services that you intend to use if available:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> K-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language Interpreter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Researcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrared ALD Receiver (headset and neck loop)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Media/Technical Specialist		<input type="checkbox"/> Induction Loop Receiver (Panara Theatre only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator		<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:	
<b>Institution</b>		_____	
<b>Address</b>		_____	
<b>City/State/Zip Code</b>		_____	
<b>Country</b>		_____	
<b>Tel. (Voice)</b>	<b>Fax</b>	_____	
<b>Tel. (TTY)</b>	<b>Email</b>	_____	

Registration Fee:	Early Registration (Before May 16, 2008)	Regular	Student	Amount
	\$250	\$300	\$150	\$ _____

**Method of Payment – Two Easy Ways to Register:**

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*Registration fees can be paid by check or credit card, depending upon your registration method.  
To qualify for the Early Registration fees, your registration materials must be received by May 16, 2008.*

Check Enclosed for \$ _____	<b>OR</b>	Charge to my Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> VISA
<b>Card #</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Authorized Signature</b>

*Please copy and mail or fax this completed form to the Symposium Chair:*

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