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SEM President, Charlie Harris, SEM Executive Director, Kristin MacDonald, and SEM President-Elect, Igor Emri at IMAC-XVII in Kissimmee



IMAC-XVII attendees took time out of technical sessions to review the products and services offered by IMAC Exhibitors



Luncheon Speaker Jerold Kaplan, Walt Disney Ride and Show Engineer, entertained a full crowd with his speech



SEM President-Elect Igor Emri, IMAC Chair Al Wicks, Keynote Presenter Daniel Mulville of NASA, SEM President Charlie Harris, and Past IMAC Chair Dick DeMichele

IMAC-XVII attracted over 700 attendees who participated in a packed technical agenda. The 48 technical sessions covered a broad range of topics related to the field of modal analysis and structural dynamics. Technology advances were presented in technical sessions as well as in the 1999 Exposition. This 17<sup>th</sup> IMAC was a success thanks to Al Wicks, IMAC Technical Program Chair, Dick DeMichele, all presenters, and the many Session Chairs and Developers who organized the technical content.

**Mark your calendars now!** IMAC-XVIII is scheduled for February 7-10, 2000 in San Antonio, Texas. The Call for Papers is posted on our web site: [www.sem.org](http://www.sem.org). Abstracts are due June 4, 1999. See you there!

*Kristin MacDonald*

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