Special Session 5B: Apprentice – VTS Edition

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The main objective of this active “panel” is to increase technical interaction among attendees. Team leaders listed below will recruit participants to their team. Each team will try to clearly articulate the problems and come up with proposals to solve this problem. These teams will present their findings and business proposals in front of judges later during the conference. The winning team will be announced during the social event.

Forming the Teams

During the first lunch at the conference, there will be a draft session so that each team will have a round-robin chance to select their top 2 members. The drafted can either accept or decline but once declined, can’t join another team. The rest of the day is spent on recruiting. Each team will be required to have members from three different continents and at least two students to promote interaction among people who may not usually interact.

Developing the Plan

Each team will have a working discussion session during the panel to define the problem and convincing enough approach to address the problem. If the selected problem of a team matches one of the regular panel discussion topic, much of the discussion can happen during the panel discussion or shortly thereafter. Teams are encouraged to carry on conversations outside of the panel sessions also to further develop their ideas. Each team needs to come up with five minute presentation for the judging session.

Team Leaders

The following are the team leaders and their areas of interest. The topic can change based on the team member’s interests and other panel discussions at the conference.

Al Crouch: Verigy, Tester and Equipment innovations
Jayabrata Dastidar: Altera, Structural Test
Anne Gattiker: IBM, Debug and Failure Isolation
Rohit Kapur: Synopsys, Test and Process Variation
Sule Ozev: Duke University, Analog and RF

Judging

The judges will be invited from venture capital community and those who have start-up experience. The judging session will be scheduled right before the social event. Each team will have five minutes to present and five minutes for questions from judges and audience. The audience will have a chance to vote on winning proposals. The winning team announcement and the award delivery will be at the social event. The awards are sponsored by Syntest.

Records

Each team will select one person to record the team’s progress. The summary of events will be available as press release and possibly at the VTS web site after the conference.