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An Entire Virtual World in San Jose

Virtual-reality aficionados can appear in person at the San Jose (Calif.) Convention Center during May 22–25 for **VR World '95**. Following a day of preconference workshops, the show is divided into four parallel tracks dedicated to design, out-of-home entertainment, VR on the desktop, and the ceaseless task of world creation.

Early registration (before 5/10) runs \$695 for the complete conference or \$395 for a single day. A full-day preconference workshop adds \$495. To register, call 800.683.7406 or send e-mail to vrconf@mecklermedia.com. The complete conference program can be found on the Web at <http://www.mecklerweb.com/vrconf>.

Disk Drive Reports Now Available on Disk

Market-research firm Disk/Trend is taking orders for the newest updates of its annual reports on different aspects of the disk drive industry. Four separate reports are available, covering disk arrays, optical disks, removable media, and fixed disks. The printed reports will be released between April and September.

Prices range from \$1,350 to \$2,435 for the initial copy; additional copies of the same report are only \$195 each. Statistical and specification data used in the reports is also available on diskettes for an additional fee. To order, contact Disk/Trend (Mountain View, Calif.) at 415.961.6209; fax 415.969.2560.

Where Electronic Gadgets Are Born

The **International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE)** will be hosting its 14th annual meeting June 6–9 at Chicago's Westin O'Hare Hotel. The meeting is geared toward technical professionals in the audio, video, and consumer-electronics industries. More than 160 technical papers will be presented. The subject of this year's panel discussion is "The Battle for the Top of

the Set, or, How Do Those Boxes Stack Up?"

Registration costs \$195 for IEEE members or \$245 for nonmembers. The first-day tutorial sessions cost an additional \$175/\$220. For more information, call ICCE (Rochester, NY) at 716.392.3862; fax 716.392.4397.

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