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President's Message

The last six months of the 20th Century were a real roller coaster ride for CSTE. The Executive Committee, National Office staff, past presidents (pee pees) and our participatory members made riding in the front car tolerable. We are poised for the next six months and this time, promise, it's "no hands" all the way!

As president of CSTE, I am privileged to be privy to the many successes CSTE achieves throughout the year. I want to highlight some of the achievements that are due to the commitment of our members, our CDC cooperative agreement partners and our dedicated and hardworking National Office staff.

Our voice has been heard and heeded in Washington. CSTE has provided crucial input into recent national public health initiatives such as bioterrorism and infrastructure building for state and local health departments, funding for HIV surveillance, support for environmental health epidemiology at the state level, children's health and asthma and many others. The President's 2008 budget proposal addressed so many of our priorities previously shared with OMB that we felt compelled to send a "thank you" letter to the President.

Our position statements are having a real impact. They are our policy and priority core. One was used to support draft legislation to limit the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock. Another formed the basis for discussions with USEPA, NCEH, ATSDR and the Pew Foundation and

Our members have traveled the nation representing CSTE and been actively involved in providing consultations on genetics and public health, integrated surveillance systems, MCH, environmental epidemiological competencies, food safety, influenza, HIV, lead, bioterrorism, laboratories and their roles, IRBs and public health law, and immunizations. The CSTE staff continues to play an important role in promoting the perspective of state and local health departments through many of their projects, and will continue to seek your input as the year winds down.

Our biggest challenge remains how to continue to improve and streamline our communications with the members. Please take a moment to look at the new design of the CSTE web site www.cste.org. We are quickly moving to make the web site a major component of our communications strategy. Drop us a note to let us know how we can make the site more useful for you.

Thanks for your support and encouragement, as well as your participation during this year. The rest of the Executive Committee, staff and your fellow members appreciate your commitment to the organization, and look forward to your continued involvement. See you next June in New Orleans!

Henry A. Anderson, MD
President



CSTE has made some significant changes this year, all of which are designed to be an organization that serves its members better. We continue to improve our ability to provide you with access to critical pieces of information, like the position statements, staff projects and communications about items of importance to your work. Our consultant process as well as the newly established consulting teams seems to be working well, and opens the door for more leadership opportunities for CSTE members. The Executive Committee, of which five of the ten members are newly elected, has come together nicely, and is charging full speed ahead to identify issues and activities for CSTE to have a role.

The Executive Committee has moved forward on a few critical items, such as approving the latest draft of the CSTE strategic plan, and making some clear recommendations for future goals. The strategic plan can be found on the web site, www.cste.org. We look forward to your comments and interpretation of the plan, as well as suggestions on how to continue to strive towards some of our goals.

This year, CSTE will be focusing on two identified areas of importance: Improving the capacity for state, territorial and local public health agencies to effectively use epidemiological data to guide public health practice, and implementing CSTE's vision of public health surveillance

and science. While these categories seem broad, we are currently engaged in several projects that address these, as well as initiating many more. The details will continue to unfold as the projects mature, and we will share those with you as soon as possible.

As members, you should be pleased with the work of your Executive Committee. They are keeping many issues on the "front burner," including the definitions of public health surveillance and research, the role of epidemiology and epidemiologists in moving public health toward measuring the performance as outlined by the 10 essential services, and helping to design integrated data collection and reporting for public health.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the CSTE staff for helping the organization move through a period of change. The CSTE staff has kept the interests of state and local public health practice as well as the members' needs in the front of their minds as they have provided consultation on the direction of CSTE and its projects. I appreciate the input, and will continue to involve staff and members as we move forward.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in New Orleans in June. Please make plans early to attend the conference!

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Executive Director

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CSTE is engaged in a number of projects to develop and enhance infectious disease surveillance and epidemiologic capacity. These projects are both ones in which CSTE draws from the expertise of its membership to provide consultation to local, state, federal, and other public health partners as well as through a CSTE/CDC cooperative agreement to provide direct and indirect services to states and CDC.

During the last quarter, CSTE members have participated in a number of consultations in the infectious disease arena. Participation in various conference calls, meetings, and working groups has enabled CSTE to advocate for the role of epidemiology in various program areas. Thank you to each of the members who have participated on behalf of the organization. Some specific consultations are highlighted below.

Kathy Gensheimer, member from Maine, provided consultation in the area of adult immunizations, in December 1999 by attending the annual meeting of the **National Coalition for Adult Immunization (NCAI)**, held in Washington, DC. In addition to a business meeting, the NCAI annual meeting also hosted a press conference focused on influenza and pneumococcal vaccine issues as they related to adult and minority health. In addition, Kathy also attended a meeting held in Atlanta of the Advisory Committee on Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) in October 1999. At this meeting, a review of tuberculosis vaccine developments was presented, an update on the Pelosi legislation (which will provide funds for vaccine development) was provided, and new revised ATS/CDC recommendations for targeted testing and treatment for latent infection were discussed.

Zygmunt Dembek, member from Connecticut, has provided consultation in the area of bioterrorism on behalf of the organization. In November 1999 Zygmunt attended a one-day planning meeting hosted by the **Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education (ASTDHPPHE)**. The purpose of this meeting was to further develop a model emergency response communications plan for infectious disease outbreaks and bioterrorist events. The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to review point by point the communications manual progress made to date and to add/revise material/sections where appropriate. The six key parts of this manual consist of: situation and assumptions, operational guidelines, organization and assignment of responsibilities, evaluation and logistics, plan development and maintenance, and authorities and references.

A copy of the plan will be available through the CSTE national office, once the plan is finalized. In addition, Zygmunt attended a two-day meeting in December 1999 to review the **Department of Justice (DOJ) Survey** and adapt the "straw man" descriptive summary created from it as necessary to reflect public health concerns. This meeting included participants from CDC and the **National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO)** and was supported by the **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)**. The 10 key parts of both the survey and the "straw man" are:

Essential Service (ES)1. Monitor health status to detect and identify an event due to a hazardous agent; **ES2.** Diagnose and investigate infectious disease, environmental health problems and health hazards; **ES3.** Inform, educate, and empower people about issues pertaining to a threat or emergency event; **ES4.** Mobilize community partnerships; **ES5.** Develop policies and plans that support efforts in preparing for and responding to emergencies; **ES6.** Enforce laws and regulations that protect public health and ensure safety in case of an emergency or threat; **ES7.** Link people to needed personal health services in the course of a threat or event due to a hazardous agent; **ES8.** Assure a competent and trained public and personal health care workforce for rapid response to a threat or event due to a hazardous agent; **ES9.** Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of public health services available to respond to a threat or event due to a hazardous agent; and **ES10.** Participate in research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems resulting from exposure to a hazardous agent. This project continues to be a work in progress and CSTE will continue to be represented.

Dale Morse, member for New York and Jesse Greenblatt, member from New Hampshire, continue to work closely with the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** and CDC regarding coordination of agency activities during food-borne disease outbreaks. The **CSTE Food Safety Working Group** which consists of many members continue to convene monthly conference calls to discuss issues such as core capacity for foodborne outbreaks, communication and investigation coordination with multiple agencies, and providing input and feedback into the, "**Draft Preliminary Food Safety Strategic Plan for Public Review**," developed by the President's Council on Food Safety. Jesse and Dale have both taken the lead for coordinating these conference calls in the past. Currently, **Bela Matyas**,

member from Massachusetts and lead consultant for **Enteric Diseases**, is organizing these calls.

Gus Birkhead, member from New York, and John Middaugh, member from Alaska, have been coordinating and participating in numerous conferences for HIV/AIDS. Both John and Gus, along with other CSTE members, are participating in and sometimes chairing a monthly conference call that is jointly sponsored by the **National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)**. The focus of the **Joint CSTE/NASTAD HIV Surveillance Working Group** has been to discuss HIV/AIDS reporting and special surveillance studies. John and Gus have also been coordinating quarterly teleconferences of the CSTE HIV/AIDS Working Group and semi-annual conference calls with the HIV Surveillance and Serosurveillance Coordinators. The focus of the quarterly CSTE Working Group is to provide an opportunity for CSTE members interested in HIV/AIDS issues to discuss HIV/AIDS reporting and funding, prevention program planning, as well as to provide a forum in which CSTE can discuss emerging issues. The semi-annual conference call with the HIV Surveillance and Serosurveillance Coordinators has been focused on identifying the organizational needs of the surveillance and serosurveillance coordinators and how those needs might be met through joining CSTE.

Bela Matyas, member from Massachusetts has been representing CSTE on various conference calls of the planning committee for the Hepatitis B coordinators annual meeting.

Staff work in the area of Infectious Diseases is funded through the CSTE/CDC cooperative agreement and focuses on the following program areas: Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Training, Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Planning, Technical Assistance for HIV/AIDS Prevention Community Planning, Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Program Planning, and Sexually Transmitted Surveillance and Prevention in Correctional Facilities. Details regarding staff activities are provided below.

Angie Cobb, CSTE Training Specialist, works with CSTE members and the **National Immunization Program (NIP)** to deliver training to enhance VPD epidemiologic skills and surveillance capacities of state/territorial and local health department personnel. Most recently Angie has been working with NIP to deliver the satellite broadcast on CPD surveillance which was held in December 1999. Members interested in developing or delivering VPD surveillance training assistance programs may contact Angie at 770-458-3811 or through email at acobb@cste.org.

Kathy Getz, CSTE Program Director, has been working with CSTE members and CDC colleagues at NIP and the **National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO)** to develop and deliver influenza pandemic preparedness planning grants to state health departments. An RFP was distributed to state epidemiologists in December 1999, and awards to four-to-five states will be made in early February 2000. For those state or local health departments interested in developing pandemic preparedness plans, the CSTE influenza steering committee, consisting of CSTE members and CDC colleagues, developed model pandemic preparedness planning guidelines. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of these guidelines may contact Kathy at 770-458-3811 or through email at kgetz@cste.org.

A.D. McNaghten and **Joyce Neal**, CSTE Epidemiologists, work with CSTE members and the **Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), CDC** to provide technical assistance to state/local health departments in the development, analysis, interpretation, and presentation and use of epidemiologic data for HIV prevention community planning. Technical assistance is provided through **(1) consultation to assess and respond to states' needs; (2) guidance relative to the development, analysis, interpretation, or presentation of epidemiologic data; (3) development, modification or dissemination of materials; and (4) evaluation of the use of epidemiologic data by planning groups in setting priorities for HIV prevention activities**. Members interested in receiving technical assistance for HIV/AIDS prevention community planning may contact A.D. or Joyce at 770-458-3811 or through email at amcnaghten@cste.org or jneal@cste.org.

Richard Moyer, CSTE Hepatitis Coordinator, works with CSTE members and the **Hepatitis Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), CDC** to develop, plan, implement and evaluate state and national Viral Hepatitis surveillance and prevention programs. Richard will be convening a working group of consisting of CSTE members and CDC colleagues to work on this project. Interested members should contact Richard at 770-458-3811 or through email at rmoyer@cste.org.

Kathy Getz, CSTE Program Director, is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill a position as STD Epidemiologist to develop or enhance state STD surveillance programs for persons entering correctional facilities. Persons interested in learning more about this position can visit the CSTE website at www.cste.org. Persons wishing to apply for this position should forward their curriculum vitae to Beverly McLeod, CSTE Operations Manager, at 2872 Woodcock Boulevard, Suite 303, Atlanta, GA, 30341.

Three of CSTE's staff members working in Infectious Diseases – **Annemarie Wasley**, former CSTE Epidemiologist working in viral hepatitis surveillance, **Sandra Roush**, former CSTE Epidemiologist working in surveillance for VPDs, and **Dogan Eroglu**, former CSTE Prevention Marketing Researcher working in HIV/AIDS Prevention – have recently resigned to take similar positions at CDC. We thank each of them for their contributions to the organization and wish them continued success in their careers.

Environmental, Occupational and Injury Update

CSTE is engaged in a number of projects to develop and enhance surveillance and epidemiologic capacity for environmental health, occupational safety and health and injury prevention and control. These projects are both ones in which CSTE draws from the expertise of its membership to provide consultation to local, state, federal, and other public health partners as well as through a CSTE/CDC cooperative agreement to provide direct and indirect services to states and CDC. During the last quarter, CSTE members have participated in a number of consultations in the environmental, occupational and injury arenas. Participation in various conference calls, meetings, and working groups has enabled CSTE to advocate for the role of epidemiology in various program areas. Thank you to each of the members who have participated on behalf of the organization. Some specific consultations are highlighted below.

Henry Anderson, member from Wisconsin, has been asked to provide consultation in the area of environmental health, on an expert panel to develop core competencies necessary to practice environmental health at the local level. **This panel is jointly sponsored by the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC and the American Public Health Association (APHA).** The first meeting of this expert panel will be held sometime in February 2000. Activities of the panel members include reviewing selected literature, providing comments and presenting views to others on the panel with the overall goal being to develop national competency guidelines.

Tish Davis, member from Massachusetts, has provided consultation in the area of occupational health on behalf of the organization. Tish is currently serving on the **National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Board of Scientific Counselors**. In this capacity, Tish has participated in numerous teleconferences and face-to-face meetings. Tish has also been responsible for coordinating

and organizing the **CSTE State Occupational Surveillance Working Group**, which consists of several CSTE members and NIOSH colleagues. The working group has been working for more than a year to identify and prioritize conditions, diseases and hazards to be placed under national surveillance, to develop indicators for these conditions, diseases and hazards, and to provide input into NIOSH's national surveillance system.

Mel Kohn, member for Oregon, continues to work closely with the **State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA)** and the **National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)**, **CDC on an Injury Surveillance Working Group** to identify conditions and hazards for national surveillance and to develop indicators for those conditions and hazards. The working group has also developed recommendations regarding core capacity for injury surveillance; this report was produced by STIPDA and is available at the CSTE national office. For a copy, please contact Kathy Getz at 770-458-3811 or through email at kgetz@cste.org.

Staff works in the area of Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Injury Prevention is funded through the CSTE/CDC cooperative agreement. Details regarding staff activities are provided below.

Luke Naeher, CSTE Epidemiologist, works with CSTE members and the **Health Studies Branch, NCEH**, to provide technical assistance to state/territorial health departments to facilitate the development and implementation of surveillance for environmental health diseases, conditions, hazards and to conduct epidemiologic studies and investigations of diseases and their relationship to the environment. This technical assistance is provided through working with state health departments to: **(1) develop hypotheses leading to analytic studies about risk factors for disease causation, propagation, or progression; (2) demonstrate the need for public health intervention programs and (3) allocate resources for specific environmental health activities.** These studies and investigations focus on lead, asthma, pesticide exposures, and *Legionella* within the continental United States. Members interested in learning more about this technical assistance program may contact Luke at 770-458-3811 or through email at lnaeher@cste.org.

Wendy Blumenthal, CSTE Epidemiologist, **works with CSTE members and the Lead Branch, NCEH, CDC** and provides technical assistance to local, state and territorial health departments to enhance and develop the capacity of state/territorial health departments to conduct lead surveillance. This project provides CSTE with an opportunity to provide assistance to state/territorial health departments

to collect, manage, analyze and interpret data for use in lead prevention planning activities. Members interested in learning more about this technical assistance program may contact Wendy at 770-458-3811 or through email at wblumenthal@cste.org.

Kathy Getz, CSTE Program Director, is currently working with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to plan and coordinate the joint **Sentinel Event Notification Systems for Occupational Risk (SENSOR)** and **Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES)** annual meeting. This conference will be held in conjunction with the CSTE annual conference. In addition, Kathy is working with the CSTE Occupational Working group to develop surveillance indicators for occupational disease, hazards and conditions and to enhance occupational epidemiologic capacity in state and local health departments. Members interested in learning more about this program may contact Kathy at 770-458-3811 or through email at kgetz@cste.org.

Two of CSTE's staff members working in Environmental Health – **Rebecca Hart** and **Luke Naeher** both are former CSTE Epidemiologist working in various environmental surveillance studies. Both have recently resigned to take similar positions with Batelle, a contractor for CDC. We thank Rebecca and Luke for their contributions to the organization and wish them continued success in their careers.

In addition to the programs listed above, we are pleased to announce that CSTE has developed a proposal that will enhance or develop state/territorial environmental health epidemiologic capacity through placing environmental epidemiologists in state/territorial health departments. In addition, **CSTE will work with NCEH, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to develop an environmental training program.** This proposal has been sent to NCEH, EPA, ATSDR and the Pew Charitable Trust for funding consideration.

Chronic Disease Epidemiology Update

CSTE has been engaged in a variety of chronic disease epidemiology activities that include funded special projects, in addition to member volunteer activities. The report on the Indicators for Chronic Disease Surveillance is an example of this, and shows the fruit of your leadership and hard work.

Indicators for Chronic Disease Surveillance

CSTE's report *Indicators for Chronic Disease Surveillance: Consensus of CSTE, ASTCDPD, and CDC* was released at the 14th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention on November 30, 1999, in Dallas, Texas. The document will be of help to states and territories in uniformly defining, collecting, and reporting chronic disease data as it pertains to the National Public Health Surveillance System. CSTE led the charge in building professional consensus in defining the indicators over the last several years, and closely collaborated with state and federal partner organizations through a steering committee led by Dr. Eugene Lengerich of Pennsylvania State University. The next phase of activity includes mailing each state their data related to the indicators for review and clearance. Following state approval, all data will be compiled and printed in a report, and distributed at the CSTE 2000 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Update on CSTE Epidemiology Projects

The chronic disease epidemiology projects at the National Office are managed by Shah Roohi, Program Director. These projects include:

Funding Chronic Disease Epidemiologists at the State Level

CSTE is currently assisting in the funding of a lead chronic disease epidemiologist in Florida, Vermont, Maine, Kansas, Alabama, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Louisiana, and Georgia. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Shah Roohi at 770-458-3811 or through email at sroohi@cste.org.

Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data Translation

An "Analysis 101" internet-based training course targeting new BRFSS coordinators is currently being developed under this project. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Shah Roohi at 770-458-3811 or through email at sroohi@cste.org.

Genetics

A member-workgroup under this project is focusing on state concerns related to incorporating new genetics information into public health activities. The group has planned several state site-visits for this year to assess state genetics activities and intends to share its findings at the CSTE 2000 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Shah Roohi at 770-458-3811 or through email at sroohi@cste.org.

Maternal and Child Health Fellowship Capacity Program

This project is in the final stages of planning and will be implemented in two phases. Phase one will be to develop competencies of a fellow through training with a recognized leader in MCH epidemiology. During phase two, fellows will enter into a four-year commitment with a state health department, specializing in MCH epidemiology. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Shah Roohi at 770-458-3811 or through email at sroohi@cste.org.

Cancer Control and Prevention

The Breast and Cervical Cancer project in the last year conducted a study to assess the epidemiological capacity of state health agencies in cancer control activities. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Vicki Benard at 770-458-3811 or through email at vbenard@cste.org. The Cancer Surveillance project assisted states in providing on-site technical assistance to state and territory cancer registry programs. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Shah Roohi at 770-458-3811 or through email at sroohi@cste.org.

Diabetes Prevention and Control

The Diabetes Surveillance project assisted health departments with surveillance needs, incorporating state-specific data into the national diabetes surveillance report, and also used state specific data to conduct surveillance studies that describe the public health impact of diabetes. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Stephanie Benjamin at 770-458-3811 or through email at smichael@cste.org. The Diabetes Program project assisted states and territories in the area of diabetes surveillance and evaluation. Technical assistance was provided in identifying the best data sources

for diabetes surveillance and evaluation activities as well as surveillance and evaluation design. A surveillance and evaluation workgroup will be formed in the near future to discuss the challenges faced by the diabetes control programs. Members interested in learning more about this program, please contact Qaiser Mukhtar at 770-458-3811 or through email at qmukhtar@cste.org.

Member Activities

Member support of chronic disease epidemiology activities at CSTE has been increasing over the last year and we are thankful to you all for making CSTE a strong voice in the practice of epidemiology.

Richard Hopkins (FL), Ursula Bauer (FL), Becky Meriwether (LA) and Joanne Lindenmayer (RI) attended the Policy Steering Committee meetings for the Chronic Disease Indicators project.

Joann Lindenmayer (RI) facilitated the CSTE genetics workgroup. Other members regularly participating in the workgroup included Peter Rumm (WI), Tal Holmes (AR), and Juliet VanEenwyk (WA).

Richard Hopkins (FL) attended ASTHO's Public Health Information and Infrastructure Policy Committee meetings, ASTCDPD Board meetings, MCH National Action Agenda meetings, and MCH Periods of Risk meeting.

Cristobal Cintron (PR) attended the MCH National Action Agenda meetings, and the Period of Risk meeting.

Donna Rickert (SC) assisted in the planning and implementation of the CSTE MCH Fellowship project.

Katrina Hedberg (OR) participated in a CDC BRFSS question-redesign meeting on behalf of CSTE.

Richard Hopkins (FL), Becky Meriwether (LA), Henry Anderson (WI), and Gianfranco Pezzino (KS) attended NCHS meetings on the proposed tobacco checkbox for the revised Standard Death Certificate.

Katrina Hedberg (OR) and Rob Rolfs (UT) assisted in the development of an Internet-based training course targeting new BRFSS coordinators.

Becky Meriwether (LA) conducted a presentation on the Chronic Disease Indicators at the Global Health Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Chris Maylahn (NY) conducted a presentation on the Chronic Disease Indicators at the Cancer Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Ron Voorhees (NM) represented CSTE on a national advisory board on Arthritis.

Positions Available with CSTE

Administrative Assistant

Epidemiologist: BRFSS Data Translation

Epidemiologist: MCH Fellowship Program

Epidemiologist: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Epidemiologist: Cancer Inquiry Response System

Please contact Beverly McLeod at bmcleod@cste.org for position description information.

WWW.CSTE.ORG

The Web site is in the process of being renovated. Information that can be found on the Web site includes, but is not limited to, membership application form, newsletters, position statements, Washington Reports, publications, CSTE staff information, program updates, Annual Conference updates, By-laws, drafts of the strategic plan, membership directory, board members, calendar of events, and a members only access page.

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Attention Influenza Pandemic Planners!

FLUAID 1.0 (beta test version) estimates:

- ▷ Range of deaths, hospitalizations, and outpatient visits by age and risk group
- ▷ Percentage of available hospital beds, health care providers, and morgue facilities that will be used during a pandemic
- ▷ Total number of vaccine doses needed
- ▷ Hours of public health provider time needed to administer vaccine

To receive a free copy of FLUAID 1.0 (beta test version) e-mail, phone, or fax your name, title, address, and phone number to Martin Meltzer, PhD at qzm4@cdc.gov, (phone) 404-639-4643, (fax) 404-639-3039.



The CSTE Annual Conference will take place
June 18 – 22, 2000 in New Orleans.
Detailed information about the conference
will be posted on www.cste.org
once it becomes available