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Dinner Details

Date: Wed., Aug. 17, 2005

Place: Los Altos Golf and Country Club

Time: 6:15—9:00 pm

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Introduction

August is traditionally the slow month, but things seem busier than ever. This month we had more than 60 deals in consideration for an appearance before the Band and the crop already lining up for the September meeting looks particularly competitive. Several deals from previous months have either received funding or are in the process of completing investment from the Band, and there has been a noticeable increase in referrals from our later stage venture capital friends. Picking the deals isn't just the work of the Deal Screening members listed on the left; there is also a "pre-screen" process that taps a broader group of experts and which includes some people outside the Band who have domain expertise but, for one reason or another, are not Band members. We're inviting some of these "pre-screeners" to the August and September Band dinner meetings, and hosting a little reception for them ahead of the cocktail hour. Feel welcome to come by, if you wish, and say hello.

This month's member talk will be given by Dr. Martin Lefebvre. Martin founded Cadabra Design Automation, an EDA company focused on automating the development of design libraries. As CEO of Cadabra, Martin completed three rounds of venture funding, established a worldwide sales channel and successfully sold Cadabra's products to over twenty-five of the world's top thirty semiconductor companies. The company was acquired by Numerical Technologies (NASDAQ:NMTC, now part of Synopsys), and Martin served as a Senior Vice President. Prior to founding his company Martin was professor with the Department of Electronics of Carleton University, in Ottawa, Canada. Martin holds a Ph.D. in Electronics and he started his career as an ASIC designer for Bell-Northern Research (now Nortel Networks). He is now an Executive-in-Residence with the College of Engineering at the University of California at Berkeley and his talk will give a perspective on the interaction between the "Ivory Tower" of university life and the real world of entrepreneurship and innovation.



It is August and our summer internship program is drawing to a close. Our Intern, Leon Glover, made some important contributions to the Band during his few months with us and we are delighted that, through us, he obtained and accepted a job offer from Takumi; a company founded by our member Adriaan Lightenberg. We wish him well.

— Ian