

**1998 MTA Annual Conference**  
**June 21-25 in Boston**  
**with Database and Client/Server World**

From the Conference Chair



*Gardner S. Trask III*

I am honored to be chairing the 1998 MTA Annual Conference. I greet this challenge with a lot of enthusiasm and more than a share of stark terror.

The Conference is the ideal opportunity for M users to learn about their chosen field. It offers tutorials to enhance your skills base, discussions to educate and inform you of industry direction, and a central location -- the Solutions Center -- to see vendors and their wares and to network. We also get to see what "the rest of the world" is up to in Database and Client/Server World.

I urge you to plan on attending. Get the ball rolling with your boss. Get your project to the point you can go away for a week in June. Or pull a "Dilbert": convince the project manager that this will wreak havoc for your deadline and watch how fast it gets approved! And if you are the boss, you'll find management tutorials and sessions that are highly valuable to your decision-making.

Take this opportunity to enhance your knowledge of what's up and coming in the computer field, enhance your career, greet old friends and meet new ones, and get a week off from the madness you call "work" to refresh your skills and your attitude!

On behalf of myself and the Steering Committee volunteer teams, I believe you'll find this is a conference "you just can't afford to miss."

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**Act Now!**

See the Conference insert  
in this issue and

✓ Register early for best rates  
(*no increase* from last year!)

✓ Make your hotel reservations  
(Limited number of rooms at  
MTA headquarters hotel for  
special conference rate)

And . . .

✓ Watch for your Conference  
Registration Booklet (mailed to  
all MTA members) for tutorials  
and special Conference events

✓ Plan to spend lots of time in the  
Solutions Center networking,  
talking with vendors, and  
enjoying coffee breaks

✓ M Vendors: Take advantage of  
marketing opportunities: in the  
Solutions Center, with Product  
Demos, and more

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