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Hundreds Meet FOR National Quality Education Conference

Hundreds of educators from across the United States—and from as far away as the Ukraine and Pakistan—gathered in Miami in November to learn how quality tools and processes can improve education. ASQ's 13th National Quality Education

Conference put teachers, professors and school administrators in touch with peers who have proven quality can make a difference in schools.

Presenters at the conference demonstrated how quality can improve education at all levels. Examples included:

- Elementary school students who kept track of their work and charted their academic progress.
- District administrators who—with support from local businesses well versed in quality tools—pinpointed weaknesses in high school reading instruc-

tion that could trigger sanctions under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

- A district that saved tax dollars by eliminating waste from its transportation, maintenance and other support activities.

According to Suzanne Keely, who oversees education related activities for ASQ, many of this year's attendees said they want to return next year and present sessions aimed at the specific needs of their colleagues in higher education, which has not been as well represented as other education levels in past years.



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STATS DIVISION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP The Statistics Division continues to offer \$5,000 scholarships to students enrolled or accepted into master's degree or higher programs with concentrations in applied statistics or quality management. For 2005-06, the scholarship winners are Jeff Lingwall of Provo, UT, and Willis Jensen of Blacksburg, VA. Application instructions and forms for the 2006-07 awards, which must be sent by April 1, can be found at www.asqstatdiv.org. For information, e-mail lynne.hare@kraft.com.



Hawking

HAWKING GETS HUNTER AWARD Douglas Hawking has won the Statistics Division's 2005 Hunter Award. The award is named after the division's founding chair, Bill Hunter, and acknowledges outstanding accomplishments during a career in applied statistics. Hawking is a professor of statistics at the University of Minnesota.

NEW SIX SIGMA BOOK PUBLISHED *Six Sigma for the Next Millennium* is the title of one of ASQ Quality Press' newest books. The book was written by Kim H. Pries as a high-speed tutorial for ASQ's certified Six Sigma Black Belt exam, a reference for working Black Belts or a resource for finding further reading on the subject.

THREE QUALITY BLOGS START The Society recently launched three pilot blogs (blog is short for Web log and is a writer's electronic journal). The bloggers and their topics are John Walz, Sarbanes-Oxley; Jay Marino, quality in education; and Robert Burney, M.D., healthcare efficiency. For more information or to access the blogs, go to www.asq.org/blog.

NEW CERTIFICATION OFFERED Beginning with an exam on March 4, ASQ will offer a new certification: certified manager of quality/organizational excellence. The certification exam has been available online since November 2005.

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES ASQ's Quality Press translates many of the books it carries into other languages, including Japanese, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. To view a list of books translated into Spanish, visit <http://qualitypress.asq.org/spanish.html>. To request a title be translated into another language, visit <http://qualitypress.asq.org/translations/index.html>.

NEW WORLD PARTNER IN TURKEY The Turkish Society for Quality has become ASQ's 14th WorldPartner. Also known as KalDer, the society was founded in 1991 and has four branch offices.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR EXAMS EXTENDED The registration deadline for several March 4 certification exams has been extended from Jan. 13 to Jan. 27. These include the exams for certified quality technician, rela-