

Meet Dr. Joe Levine

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Hi! I'm Roxanne Miller, Civic Communications Specialist with University of Missouri Extension and Co-Chair of the 2006 Midwest Research-to-Practice conference. You will be listening to Dr. John Henschke, Extension Continuing Education Specialist and Associate Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis and Dr. Joe Levine, Professor Emeritus of Michigan State University.

John Henschke



So, there are others that are going to be on this welcoming, and one of the others is Joe Levine, who has been with us not quite as many times as I have but just about. And he's going to be our keynote speaker. We're excited about the fact that he's going to be doing that. Joe, you want to say something?

Joe Levine

Absolutely, John. First of all, it's nice to be here online and talking like this. But most importantly, you do hold the record over me in terms of attendance. As I think back, I think there were a couple of years I probably slept through the whole conference. I'm not sure if we count those or not. But it's interesting John.. and I'm joking, John. You know that.



John Henschke

I'm willing to count them all!

Joe Levine

<laughter> I appreciate that. I did pay full registration.

John Henschke

Good. <laughter>

Joe Levine

I can sleep without a guilty conscience. Anyhow. As you were talking, you were talking about if you had a chunk of content that you could go home with, it meant it was a good conference for you. And, I would like to add one other piece to your comment which has been so important for me for this conference. And that is, if I could go home having had the opportunity to interact substantively with colleagues and friends throughout the Midwest, for me that was a good conference. Because the key to this conference has been, for me, the idea that it is colleagues and friends. And, every year that base of colleagues and friends seem to get extended and pushed in new ways. And, I count in my handful of

my closest colleagues in the field. They all come and emanate from this conference. So, for me this is, each year, an opportunity to renew myself, and especially in my relationships with others. So that's what I'm looking forward to.

We're going to have available this time an opportunity to dialog on the Internet as a way to help get us towards the conference.

I'm excited about that and looking forward to that as another little bit of innovation that has come to us this year from University of Missouri-St. Louis. John, did I say the right things? What else am I forgetting here?

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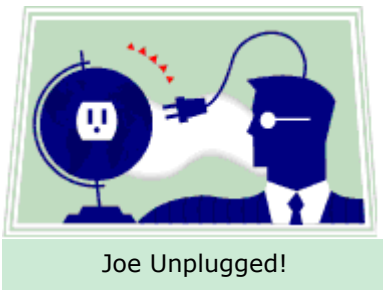
John Henschke

Well, I think one of the other things I want to say is the fact that we're looking forward to having Joe to be our keynote speaker because he has been involved in technology. He's retired from Michigan State University, been involved in technology there prior to his retirement, has written a book regarding working on technology or learning on technology, and also has his own web site, and goes around the world. So, we feel privileged to have that kind of expertise coming to us that will be very practical in nature and help us move into the new technology area.

Joe Levine

John, I appreciate that. But I have to tell you what trumps your comment was the one that I still remember. My Mother every morning, before I would go to high school, she would almost make me swear on the bible that everything in my room was unplugged. Because technology has been a part of my life for so long, she had this terrible fear that when I would be off at high school, the house would blow up. Luckily, it never happened. I've lived through it and I think I have a real appreciation for where we have gone technologically these days. To some unbelievable heights. And, I will be talking about that – both here on our audio segments and also at the conference – a real exciting area for all of us today.

John Henschke



Well, Joe. Just now what you have said has convinced me all the more that we have made the right choice for our keynote speaker. A guy who had to unplug his room every morning before he went to school. And, his Mother had her watchful eye on him. I think that is tremendous!

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