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On Tue, 18 Jul 95 17:12 CDT you said:

>Dear Dr. Gotterbarn.

I am interested in the deliberations of the task force on "Software Engineering as a Profession". In particular the sub-task force
 n Defining the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards. Has Ilene, the committee had a roaring start and went into limbo. I am working on getting it moving again. Do you have an internet address direct to iit. I know Vivian Weil and others there do.

this committee begun to communicate; if so, do you know how I can

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>get on the e-mail distribution list. > I am a faculty member at IIT and >am one of the co-directors of a master's >program in software engineering.

If you have any information on your SE program, I would like to see it. Thanks.

> Thanks! >Ilene Burnstein

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Within the computing industry, the need for professionalism has never been

greater. This conference has grown from the increasing concern that software

engineers should be better equipped to meet the challenges of today's working

practices and user assumptions. More than ever before, it is essential that software engineers adopt a professional approach to deal with both technical

advances and structural changes in the workplace.

Many of the practices in the software world are perceived to hark back to the `Dark Ages' of computing, and software engineering generally has a poor image

compared to other professions. However, the demands are often greater on software engineers in that the changes they encounter are more frequent and

more radical. Thus, every few years we see: technical 'silver bullets', for example, object orientation; structural alterations, such as decentralization and outsourcing; and perceptual shifts, including higher expectations regarding deadlines, giving value-for-money and the role and control of information within industry.

Therefore, the aim of this conference is to help determine those attributes that help a software engineer succeed as a professional. That is, for software

engineers to behave responsibly, in a technically competent manner and according to a professional code of conduct, and so improve quality and improve user confidence.