SMPTE 2016

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During Oktoberfest and before Halloween

SMPTE, celebrating 100 years, staged their Conference and Exhibition



at the Loew's Hollywood Hotel on Hollywood and Highland

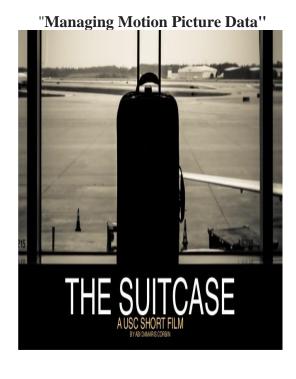


The Conference



One could not help running into someone you know like George Hamilton, Jim Keller, Ron Becker, John Brooks, Richard Friedel and Jerry Isenhower..

Three days of the conference was filled with different speakers reporting on subjects related to old and new technology like "**Return Loss: What, Why, How, and Where**". Marc Walker spoke about how return loss was important in analog television systems over 45 years ago. It is still an important parameter in today's digital transmission systems.



The Suitcase is a short 20 minute film created at USC by Abi Corbin as a test. Joshua Kolden, Michael Malgeri and Nancy Silver spoke on how "today's" television and motion picture production workflows make it incredibly challenging to preserve and manage data throughout the production lifecycle. "The Suitcase," is about a Logan Airport baggage handler who comes across one of the suitcases of a 9/11 hijacker.

Joshua Kolden said, "The idea with 'The Suitcase' was to test whether we could create a technological pipeline that provides benefits to the production without negative impact that is also relatively invisible in the production process."

The Founder

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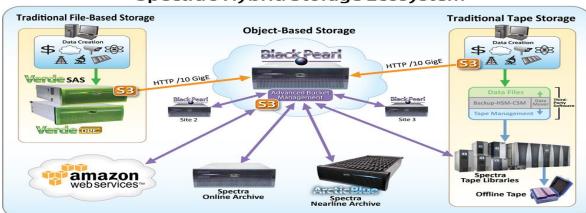




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