One of the sections in this years SUGI 12 was Microcomputers. During the planning stages last year, it was thought that the Microcomputer Section would only need two sessions. However, due to the overwhelming support of contributed and invited speakers, four full sessions were scheduled. The final session, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, featured papers that were grouped into a category called "Special Topics". Included in this session, was an hour long panel discussion entitled ASK THE PC EXPERTS.

The ASK THE PC EXPERTS panel discussion provided the opportunity for conference attendees to ask questions relating to the SAS System on Microcomputers and IBM compatible microcomputer hardware and software areas. The intent was to provide the audience an opportunity to ask questions relating to high level, general, and interdisciplinary areas, and not those type of questions that would normally be directed to SAS Technical support. It was in this reasoning that the panel was made up of non SAS Institute members.

Scheduled to be among the panelists were six (6) experts on corporate and governmental computing fields who offered an experienced SAS software user's perspective on the SAS System and microcomputers.

Panelist Andrew J. L. Cary, is a Bio-Analysis Manager at Syntex Research, in Palo Alto, California. Andy is a Session Coordinator for Tutorials and Microcomputers and is supporting the PC Hands-on Workshop. His education background includes a Masters in Statistics from California State University in Hayward. Andy brings fifteen (15) years of EDP experience and ten (10) years of SAS System experience. Andy's specialties include applying the SAS System for microcomputers in a pharmaceutical environment, SAS System on mainframes, microcomputers knowledge and workstation concepts. Andy is a veteran of six (6) previous SUGI's.

Panelist Richard A. Ciarlone, is a Senior Manager of Information Service Center at Avco Lycoming Textron, in Stratford, Connecticut. Dick is also a Session Coordinator for Microcomputers. His education background includes a MBA from the University of Maryland, and is currently an adjunct instructor for University of New Haven Graduate School. Dick brings nineteen (19) years of experience working on IBM Mainframe and microcomputers with special knowledge in the management and control of microcomputers.

Panelist Paul E. Darley, is a Research Scientist at ALZA Corporation, in Palo Alto, California. Paul is a Session Coordinator, an Invited Speaker, a roundtable leader, and is supporting the PC Hands-on Workshop. Paul's presentation is for the Microcomputer Section on Using PC SAS in a local area Network environment. His educational background includes a BS in Chemistry from University of California at Davis. Paul brings fifteen (15) years of EDP and ten (10) years of SAS experience. His specialties include data management and statistics, working knowledge of local area networks, and knowledge of the SAS System on both mainframes and microcomputers. Paul is a veteran of four (4) previous SUGI's.

Panelist Chapman P. Gleason, is a Senior Statistician for the Employment Litigation Section of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, in Washington, D.C. Chap is also roundtable leader, is presenting an invited paper on Software Mirrors in a Mainframe / Microcomputer Environment, and is supporting the PC Hands-on Workshop. Chap's educational experience includes a Masters in Mathematics / Statistics from The Ohio State University. Chap brings fifteen (15) years of experience in EDP and SAS usage. His specialties include Networking, Statistics, Data Processing, and Mainframe / microcomputer hardware and software. Chap is a veteran of ten (10) previous SUGI's.

Panelist E. Jeffrey Hutchinson, is a Senior Material Automation/Systems Specialist at Avco Lycoming Textron, Stratford, Connecticut. Jeff Is also the Chairperson for Microcomputers and an Invited speaker presenting a paper on Corporate Computing: A Working Blend of Mainframes, Minicomputers, and Microcomputers. His educational background consists of a Masters in Computer Science, a MBA, and is currently working on a PhD in Computer Science. Jeff brings six (6) years of experience working on IBM mainframes, mini, and microcomputers with
special knowledge in application programming, end user support/programming, microcomputer systems and communications, and artificial intelligence.

Panelist J. Philip Miller, is an Associate Professor of Bio-statistics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Phil is a previous Conference Chairperson, a member of SUGI executive committee, and is an invited speaker for Microcomputers presenting a paper on What Good is the SAS System for Personal Computers? Phil brings twenty-five (25) years of experience in EDP and has been using the SAS System since it was first developed. He brings experience in Mainframes, Minicomputers, and microcomputers. He brings special knowledge in the usage of different types of machines to solve individual problems. Phil is a veteran of every past SUGI, including SUGI 0 which was known as the Mid Western SAS Users Group.