Dear Seema,

Many thanks for writing; it’s very nice to meet and connect with you. I’d have replied sooner, but my husband and I just returned from some vacationing.

I’m very honored by the invitation to participate in the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference 2013, and to serve as co-chair for the new “Best of . . .” session at the conference.

I appreciate your thinking of me, and I do hope to find ways to assist ABI as time goes by. However, serving ABI in that particular capacity isn’t a good ‘impedance match’ for us right now, for reasons as follows.

As you may possibly know, I’ve only recently begun to write and publish my memoirs, as in the upcoming Fall-2012 Special Issue of the IEEE *Solid-State Circuits Magazine.* (I’ve attached the page-proofs for that memoir, along with page-proofs for commentaries on the work by others).

Dave Hodges of UC Berkeley graciously invited me to write that memoir for the SSCM. His invitation was the first time anyone had ever asked me to explain ‘what happened’ during the VLSI revolution. Those events of over three decades ago had long since passed into history, and only a vague mythology lingered about it “having something to do with the ‘Mead-Conway’ book”.

In the SSCM article I sketched the unfolding saga in overview form, hoping to succinctly reveal the gist of what had happened. I’m now documenting the events in more detail, hoping to draw-out and articulate key lessons learned along the way – lessons that might prove useful to others today.

I’ve also begun investigating related questions such as: “Why is our society so oblivious to innovations in STEM made by women?” I’ve found novel ways to put that question into perspective, and I’m hoping to report-out some revealing answers next year – using my career-experiences as an illustrative case study.

These activities will keep me quite busy on through 2013. Then too, having never attended a GHC conference, I’m unfamiliar with ABI’s culture and its conference-planning practices.

Perhaps as I learn more about ABI, I’d be in a better position to participate in such events later on. Similarly, as folks at ABI learn more about my engineering research experiences and my ongoing investigation of diversity-questions of mutual interest, we’d be better able to visualize interesting ways to collaborate.

Thanks again for writing and for the invitation. It’s wonderful to connect with you, and I look forward to finding ways to collaborate with ABI in the future!

All the best,

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