

# **IEEE Sections Congress 2014**

## 22-25 August 2014 Rai Convention Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands

IEEE Sections Congress, held every three years since 1984, provides IEEE Section leadership with a priceless opportunity to impact the future of IEEE.

Sections Congress is a gathering of IEEE grassroots leadership to:

- network with other Section leaders;
- attend training programs;
- develop recommendations to guide the future of IEEE.

## SC2014 in particular aims at:

- providing an opportunity for delegates to gain information and training skills;
- networking and building relationships with other volunteers within IEEE;
- serving as a forum for Section representatives and other local leaders, enabling them to voice on behalf of the collective membership the ideas, issues, and recommendations which will impact the development and growth of IEEE throughout the world, reinforcing its vitality and relevance to those it serves.

The caucuses will generate specific, practical recommendations for action, which will be delivered to the IEEE Board of Directors for implementation in strategic planning for the future of IEEE.

#### Who should participate?

A primary Section delegate, i.e. a member of the Section designated by the Section Executive Committee to represent the Section at Sections Congress.

## What is a primary Section delegate?

- A primary delegate is a member of the Section designated by the Section Executive Committee to represent the Section at Sections Congress.
- It is strongly encouraged that the individual be a first-time Sections Congress attendee, and Sections should try to fund a younger member (i.e., GOLD).
- The primary delegate must be of Graduate Student member grade or higher in the Section.
- A Section must be current in all reporting requirements in order to send a primary delegate. A Region Director can approve an exemption to this requirement.

## **FAQs**

http://www.ieee.org/societies communities/geo activities/sections congress/2014/sc 2014 faqs.html

## **Top five IEEE Sections Congress 2011 recommendations**

- 1. IEEE to develop a comprehensive long-term strategy to increase the number of next-generation youth pursuing science and engineering careers.
- 2. As members maintain their IEEE membership over their years, IEEE must reward them for their loyalty. Rewards ought to be tangible and useful and can be done simply and inexpensively. Create Global Fidelity Programs including: (a) continue membership Recognition 5-10-15-20 years of membership; (b) bonus for specific Benefits (e.g., reduced fee, IEEE merchandise, etc.).
- 3. IEEE membership (including e-Membership) should include a Society membership as part of the basic membership fee.
- 4. Increased support to students in technical activities with grants to attend conferences and organization of technical competitions.
- 5. To encourage interest in pre-university students in engineering careers, IEEE to publish a subscription periodical (paper or electronic) targeted to high school students that highlights engineering activities of interest to those students. The periodical should also have articles promoting the benefits of an engineering career and what the students can do in college to get involved with IEEE.

http://www.ieee.org/societies communities/geo activities/sections congress/2011/D F IEEE MIG MCT 100637#sect2

#### **Past Sections Congresses**

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#### SC2014 Home

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