IEEE Iceland Section Report August 2011

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Membership:  
As of 1st of July, the IEEE Iceland Section has a total of 73 active members (2 Affiliates, 4 Associate Members, 6 Graduate Student Members, 1 Fellow, 3 Life Members, 28 Members, 8 Senior Members and 21 Student Members).

Meetings:  
3 technical, 1 professional, and 1 administrative meetings and a General Assembly have been held since March 2011. Furthermore, an IEEE distinguished lecture was given by Prof. Heather Hudson in June.

Activities in the near future:  

- Revive the Computers chapter  
- Continue with the technical meeting program which has been quite successful in the past years.  
- Increased effort to increase the member count.

Best practices:  

- Balanced and close cooperation between members in academia and industry. The new board consists though mostly of members of academia except the chair.  
- Close ties with academia, providing opportunities for high level technical presentations and joint events with engineering students.  
- Good relations and cooperation with the national society.

Topics to be discussed in San Fransisco:  

How to maintain graduating students as members  
How to increase the member count

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