IEEE Finland Section Report March 2011

Officers:  
- Chair: Heikki Koivo  
  Election Date: 5.10.2009  
  Term End Date: 31.12.2011
- Vice Chair: Maciej Borkowski  
  Election Date: 5.10.2009  
  Term End Date: 31.12.2011
- Secretary: Toni Mattila  
  Election Date: 30.3.2010  
  Term End Date: 31.12.2011
- Treasurer: Ciprian Doru Giurcaneanu  
  Election Date: 5.10.2009  
  Term End Date: 31.12.2011

Student Matters:  
- Student Activities Chair: Rafal Sliz
- Student Representative: Heli Pihlajamaa
- GOLD Coordinator: Rafal Sliz

Membership:  
IEEE Current Grade Description and Count of Members
- Affiliate Active: Finland Section 56
- Associate Member Active: Finland Section 40
- Fellow Active: Finland Section 15
- Graduate Student Member Active: Finland Section 229
- Honorary Member Active: Finland Section 1
- Life Fellow Active: Finland Section 4
- Life Member Active: Finland Section 13
- Life Senior Active: Finland Section 6
- Member Active: Finland Section 705
- Senior Member Active: Finland Section 65
- Student Member Active: Finland Section 110
- Total number Active: Finland Section 1244

Date of above results by using SAMIEEE:  
25.2.2010

Meetings (since October):  
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Activities in the near future:  
The most important issue for the coming term is to increase further the number of IEEE student members. The goal is to reactivate the Student Branch at Aalto University (formerly Helsinki University of Technology) during 2011. A new Student Chapter at University of Vaasa will be investigated. Further efforts will be made to establish new Student Branches at University of Jyväskylä and University of Turku. Good practices at University of Oulu Student Branch can be
carried over to Student Branches in other universities. Events promoting IEEE activities to undergraduate and graduate students in different universities will be made starting in Spring 2011. Gold activities have been quite successful and push is made to make them more familiar.

Another important issue is an effort to increase the number of senior members starting in Spring 2011. It is essential that there will be more IEEE senior members in Finland.

New Chapter initiatives will also be investigated. This includes e.g. a Chapter in Automatic Control, and another in Robotics and Automation. If these cannot be founded, then a joint Chapter will be set up.

Activities with FINEL consisting of domestic Engineering Societies will be continued. The participating Societies include among others Finnish Automation Society, Society of Electronics Engineers, and Society of Electrical Engineers. FINEL provides an excellent avenue for industrial relations. This activity will be continued.

**Best practices:**
The revitalized, and possible new Student Chapters need active Student Branch counselors. Good practices are shared, the role model coming especially from University of Oulu. New Chapter Chairs are searched together with the current Chapter Chairs. Chapter Chairs provide also excellent candidates for the Section Executive Committee. The legal status of IEEE Finland Section will be clarified with the help of IEEE main office.

**Topics to be discussed in Prague:**

Heikki Koivo
IEEE Finland Section Chair