## **IEEE Finland Section Report October 2010**

Officers:		Election Date:	Term End Date:
•	Chair: Heikki Koivo	5.10.2009	31.12.2011
•	Vice Chair: Maciej Borkowski	5.10.2009	31.12.2011
•	Secretary: Toni Mattila	30.3.2010	31.12.2011
•	Treasurer: Ciprian Doru Giurcaneanu		
		5.10.2009	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 50
Associate Member Active	Finland Section 48
Fellow Active	Finland Section 12
Graduate Student Member A	ctive Finland Section 137
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 710
Senior Member Active	Finland Section 66
Student Member Active	Finland Section 78

Total number Active

Finland Section 1125

Date of above results by using SAMIEEE: 13.9.2010

Meetings: 5

Activities in the near future:

The most important issue for the coming term is to increase the number of IEEE student members. Student Branches at Tampere University of Technology has now been reactivated and discussions to do the same at Aalto University (formerly Helsinki University of Technology) have begun. The goal is to reactivate the Student Branch during 2010. Preliminary discussions have also been started at University of Vaasa. 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. Gold activities have been well received recently and an active push is made them to be recognized more widely.

Another important issue is an effort to increase the number of senior members. 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 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.

### Topics to be discussed in Prague: