IEEE Benelux Section Report May 2010

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  Election Date: 21-01-2009  
  Term End Date: January 2011
- Vice Chair: W. (Wim) van Etten  
  Election Date: 21-01-2009  
  Term End Date: January 2011
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  Election Date: 21-01-2009  
  Term End Date: January 2011
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  Term End Date: January 2011
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  Term End Date: January 2011
- Junior Past Chair: M. (Martin) Bastiaans  
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  Term End Date: January 2011
- Junior past Secretary: R.W.C.G.R. (Ralph) Wijhoff  
  Member Grade: ex officio  
  Term End Date: January 2011
- Member (Luxembourg): M. (Michel) Marso
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- Awards and Member Grade Elevation: J. (Jan) Biemond
- Chapter and Affinity Group Activities Co ordination: C.G.M. (Kees) van 't Klooster
- Educational Activities (Belgium): J.G. (Jacques) Verly
- Educational Activities (Netherlands): A.M.J. (Ton) Koonen
- Electronic Communications: vacancy; presently in the secretary's portfolio
- Industry Relations: D. (Damien) Macq
- Membership Development: D (Dirk) Van Hertem
- Professional Activities and GOLD Coordination: E. (Emre) Ayranci
- Student Activities: D.M. (Daniel) Van Dommelen
- Student Representative: S. (Steven) Thielemans – 8 Student Branches (Antwerpen, Delft, Eindhoven, Enschede, Gent, Leuven, Liège, Louvain-la-Neuve), where Enschede is inactive and one Leos student chapter

Membership:

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New fellows:

Congratulations to our 4 new IEEE Fellows of the Benelux Section:
- **Martin J. Bastiaans** - Technical University Eindhoven, The Netherlands,  
  for contributions to signal processing for optical signals and systems
- **Michel Defrise** - Vrije Universiteit Brussel - Brussels, Belgium,  
  for contributions to computer tomography
- **Rodolphe Sepulchre** - Université de Liège - Liège, Belgium,  
  for contributions to nonlinear systems
• **Edward Gulski** - Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, for application of partial discharges to diagnosis of high voltage components

Benelux IEEE member and past-chair Martin Bastiaans has been awarded the prestigious **MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award**.

**Best practices:**

- Initiative to reduce the associate membership count in cooperation with IEEE headquarters and R8 MD subcommittee (potential reduction of +/- 250 (March) to +/- 40) and “upgrade” them to full members if they deserve to. This is on-going.
- Initiative to stimulate more Senior Members – this is on-going.

**Topics to be discussed in Lisbon:**

IEEE Student Branch and Gold Congress 2010, to be held in Leuven, Belgium (http://www.sbcleuven.org)