

## **IEEE Norway Section Report April 2007**

Norway section is undergoing a very positive development, and several new activities are planned for 2007 to continue the growth, increase membership and to improve relations with industry and academia..

### **Section activities:**

The present section board is in its second year term. For the first time the Board comprises of only industry people and no representatives are from academia. Important issues for 2007 are to increase financial support for membership, education and relation-ship activities. Actions are also underway to increase number of members and to increase the number of Senior- and Fellow-Membership degrees.

The Industry Relation activities are at a good level, but we still need to increase members for industry. The annual section and chapter meeting will take place in Oslo on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **IR-activities:**

Our progress towards improving the Industry Relation activities is still an important focus area. The industry is supporting our activities both financially and professionally, but we need to increase the number of members from industry. For 2007 we are organising multiple meetings and activities where industry is heavily involved.

### **Chapter and Student Branch activities:**

All chapters are active and the VT/COM chapter was revitalised during 2006. The meeting activities are good and so far approx 30 meetings are planned for 2007, including 5 international conferences and workshops.

Formation of new chapters and Student Branches are under preparation.

### **Cooperation with national organisations:**

We have developed great relations with several other national organisations. many meetings are now organised in cooperation with other national organisations and we have mutual understanding on how to improve our relations, organise joint arrangements and how to develop and promote international meetings. Even if the collaboration works well, we have not signed formal agreements or MoU. This work will be carried out during 2007.

### **Topics to be discussed in Sofia:**

- Continued Discussion on Member Benefits in Regions outside the US.
- Membership development and how to increase the number of members
- Industry Relation activities