

IEEE Finland Section Report March 2012

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1. Highlights from the past

- International Conference on Localization and GNSS. Tampere, Finland, June 29-30, 2011
- International Symposium on System-on-Chip 2011, Tampere, Finland, October 31 - November 2, 2011
- Conference on Design and Architectures for Signal and Image Processing. Tampere, Finland, November 2-4, 2011
- Seminar on Data-driven Medicine - Paths from Great Research to Big Business, co-organized by Signal Processing & Circuits and Systems Chapter, Tampere, Finland, April 6, 2011
- Mini conference on scientific publishing (MCSP'11), targeted for PhD students and organized by the Student Branch in Tampere IEEE GOLD Finland. Tampere, Finland, February 25
- Wireless Information Theory Summer School, July 27-29, 2011 with CWC
- Oulu Nuclear Future – a public discussion event on a nuclear power plant to be built in the region. Organized by IEEE GOLD Finland. Oulu, Finland, October 5, 2011.
 - The event was open for public and representatives of the whole spectrum of opinions (Greenpeace, Fennovoima (Nuclear Power Company), City of Oulu and University of Oulu) were present. The event received a lot of attention in different media: discussion website, regional and national TV, radio and newspapers.
- Lapin GOLD, Organized by IEEE GOLD Finland. Oulu, Finland, December 2.4, 2011.
- An event to discuss all the activities organized by IEEE Finland GOLD during last two years, to find the strengths and weak points.

2. Future activities

- Setting up Chapter in Robotics and Automation
- Activating Student Branches in the University of Oulu, Aalto University
- Setting up Student Branch in selected universities (e.g. Lappeenranta University of Technology and University of Vaasa)
- International conference on "Ubiquitous Positioning, Indoor Navigation and Location-Based Service" to be held in Helsinki on Oct 03-04, 2012.
- IEEE Standardization Day together with Finnish electronics and automation societies and industry.
- Increasing the number of IEEE Senior Members in Finland

3. Best practices

- Discussion events on topics important to everyone to promote IEEE not only for the professional societies, but also for decision makers, politicians and public.
- Participation in FINEL consisting of domestic Engineering Societies will be continued. The participating Societies include Finnish Automation Society, Society of Electronics Engineers, and Society of Electrical Engineers. FINEL provides an excellent avenue for industrial relations.
- Best practices behind the success of IEEE Finland GOLD: 1) to motivate the people, they should all the time be kept informed about our progress and accomplished tasks. 2) Publish and report all the events

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

5. Miscellaneous

- IEEE GOLD Affinity Group Hall of Fame Award 2011 (to Rafal Sliz, IEEE Finland GOLD Affinity Group Chair Officers and members of IEEE Finland GOLD Affinity Group)
- New joint Chapter: The IEEE Finland Section Communications and Information Theory Joint Societies Chapter (COM19/IT12)