

IEEE Russia North West Section Report March 2012**1. Highlights from the past**

- Conference on Design of semiconductor components and electronic based miniaturized systems, October 24-25, 2011.
- technical sponsorship for the Baltic Conference on Future Internet Communications BCFIC Riga 2011 (Riga, Latvia, 16-18 February 2011)
- meeting with IEEE Communications Society President Beyond Gi Lee and ComSoc active volunteer Alexander Gelman on May 16, 2011 at St.Petersburg Electrotechnical University "LETI". Dr. Lee and Dr. Gelman delivered lectures on Communications Convergence, Operation of IEEE Communications Society and Standardization Activities in IEEE.
- technical co-sponsorship for 11th International Conference on ITS Telecommunications ITST 2011 (St. Petersburg, Russia, 23 – 25 August 2011)
- The first 2 volumes of the Proceedings of the IEEE Russia North West Section were published
- IEEE Section in the frames of the annual conference at St.Petersburg Electrotechnical University "LETI" (January 2012). 45 reports done in English
- New Section website launched at www.ieee.spb.ru
- Professional English Program (35 participants, all students)
- IEEE Promo Day at St.Petersburg Electrotechnical University "LETI" (October 2011)
- IEEE Promo action in the frames of the conference on University-Industry Strategic Partnership (December 2011)

2. Future activities

- IV International Congress on Ultra Modern Telecommunications and Control Systems ICUMT, St. Petersburg, October 3-5, 2012 <http://www.icumt.org/>
- 12-th International Conference on Next Generation Wired/Wireless Advanced Networking NEW2AN, St. Petersburg, August 27-29, 2012 <http://www.new2an.org/>
- Distinguished Lecturer's visit "Digital Radio – Looking Back, Looking Forward" by David Layer in cooperation with IEEE Broadcast Technology Society
- Distinguished Lecturer's visit "New Directions in Cyber Security" by Dr. Gabriel Jacobson in cooperation with IEEE Communications Society
- Next 2 volumes of the Proceedings of the IEEE Russia North West Section to be published in 2012

3. Best practices

- IEEE student section at the scientific conference (at St.Petersburg Electrotechnical University "LETI") with all presentations in English

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Low level of interest to IEEE from industry

5. Miscellaneous

- Distinguished Lecturers programs – 2 lectures planned
- New Student Branch registered at St. Petersburg University for Telecommunications and Fine Mechanics