

IEEE Italy Section Report March 2012

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1. HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST.**1.1 Noteworthy events organized by IEEE Italy Section and/or its Organizational Units**

- Workshop “New Trends of Computational Intelligence in Engineering Informatics”, May 4 -5 2011, organized by IEEE Computational Intelligence Society Italy chapter
- Conference IEEE ICUWB 2011 held in Bologna, Italy, on September 14-16, 2011, financially co-sponsored
- International workshop BioPhotonics 2011 Parma, Italy - June 8-10, 2011, financially co-sponsored
- Congresso Nazionale AEIT, Milano, 27-29 giugno 2011, Aeit is Sister Society, Congress technically cosponsored by IEEE Italy Section
- Conference 2011 IEEE Workshop on Biometric Measurements and Systems for Security and Medical Applications (BIOMS 2011), Milan, Italy, 28 September 2011, financially-cosponsored
- Conference 2011 IEEE Workshop on Environmental, Energy, and Structural Monitoring Systems, Milan, Italy, 28 September 2011 (EESMS 2011), financially cosponsored
- One day workshop on humanitarian demining, organized by IEEE-GRSS-Central Italy, Rome, September 2011, sponsored
- Conference IEEE-FITCE “Bridging an Ever Shifting Digital Divide”, Palermo, September 2011, technically cosponsored
- IEEE AESS Summer Workshop ISACONAS, July 2011
- IEEE Sezione Italia Student Branch meeting, Pisa. 23-24 Settembre 2011,
- Conference I3M, Rome, 2011. Technically cosponsored
- "Micro and NanoElectronics "DAYs", workshop, Roma il 29-30 settembre 2011. Technically cosponsored

1.2 IEEE Milestone Ceremony

- Pontecchio Marconi: “Marconi Ceremony”. A “Marconi Day” was held April 30 in Pontecchio Marconi for the delivery of IEEE History Milestones at the presence of the President of the IEEE, the Region 8 Director and other international and local authorities. Donation to the Foundation Marconi of two plaques placed in memory of the first Marconi’s radio transmission

1.3 Prizes

- Prize YABP 2011, Chapter I-RAS, 7 September 2011

1.4 New Chapters, new Chapter Chairs

- Italy section Electron Devices Society, Chair: Fernanda Irrera.
- Italy Section Oceanic Engineering Society, Chair: Andrea Trucco
- BTS Italy Chapter (formation ongoing)
- New "La Sapienza University of Rome Industry Applications Society Student Branch Chapter", Chair: Giuseppe Parise
- Chapter split: new Chapter on “Aerospace & Electronic Systems”, chair Gaspare Galati ; new Chapter on “Signal Processing”, chair Carlo Regazzoni
- Life Member Affinity Group new Chair: Prof. Stefano Levaldi

1.5 Other Initiatives

- e-book Initiative, presented Jan. 2011. Agreement with “ebook.it” for digital publications in Italian for members, university teachers, etc (ongoing)
- social networking initiative, presented Jan. 2011. In order to provide Italy members online discussion fora and communities (ongoing)

2. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Organization of Energycon 2012, Florence, September 2012
- Organization of Histelcon 2012, Pavia, September 2012
- Ongoing new officers election process through vtools (start date: 27.02.2012 – end date: 25.03.2012)

3. BEST PRACTICES

- Continuing improvement of membership at all levels (+2%)

- Continue to honor the pioneers in IEEE activities (under study new possible IEEE Milestones following Marconi Ceremony)

4. POINTS OF CONCERN / TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Serious concern regarding proposal of IEEE HQ about new structure of Sections put forward in San Francisco Meeting for better management of accounting (proposal to transform the Sections into branches of the IEEE).

Discussed in the Italy Section Exco; serious reasons to disagree based on:

1. The IEEE Italy Section is an Association based in Italy needing to comply to Italian Law
2. To operate in Italy necessary to respect Italian financial Law which is very strict and difficult to manage from abroad.

Disagreement was unanimously expressed by the Board.

One more concern is about the new tool for reporting of financial activity to the HQ. This is very complex and already required to hire an accountant, with additional costs upon the Section. Should be rethought and simplified.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- National Society Agreements: signed collaboration agreement with SiEM (Società italiana di elettromagnetismo applicato).