IEEE Denmark Section Report October 2012

1. Highlights from the past
- Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units:
  - 2 seminars on Electric Vehicles, resp. IEEE Smart Grid Standards organized jointly by the new PES chapter and Denmark Section, and supported by a DL from IEEE Standards Associaton.
- Continued efforts to elevate members to higher grades (2 more senior members the past 6 months).
- Face-to-face meeting April 20 with new Chair SB AAU.

2. Future activities
- Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units:
  - The revitalised CS016 Chapter/Embedded Systems holding its first technical meeting late sept. 2012.
  - 2nd successive Workshop on Smart Grid Innovation to be held at AAU later this year, jointly organized by AAU and Denmark Section.
- Regional and global events hosted by your Section: None.
- Efforts ongoing to create yet a new Chapter (a Joint MTT & AP Chapter), hopefully this year.
- Completion of ExCom Elections for 2013-14 after delay caused by candidate withdrawal april 2012.

3. Best practices
- Regular ExCom meetings using teleconferencing to include SB representatives and all remotely located officers.
- Regular Section Chair visits to remotely located units and officers to keep personal relations intact.
- Identify and improve member´s status by membership elevation where appropriate

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- Lack of democratic behavior by the IEEE HQ Directorship in enforcing the decision to lay their hands on Section Funds. Without questioning the economic necessity, this should have been presented properly for the R8 Committee ahead of the decision. Given the way it was enforced shows a questionable attitude by the directorship and makes it hard to convince members of IEEEs democratic structure and working practices.

5. Miscellaneous
- Awards and other signs of recognition
- Distinguished Lecturers programs: IEEE Smart Grid Standards Workshop April 2012.
- National Society Agreements: Continued mutual free access to some technical meetings.
- New Geographic Units (Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches, SB Chapters): Joint MTT-AP Chapter in preparation.

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Concentrate on vitality-related success factors:
- Addressing members through eNotices, Yearly Section Chair Letter, personal visits to units
- By refocusing existing chapters, by addressing "hot" technical topics through section or chapter initiated technical events.
- Regular updates on financial status for every ExCom Meeting, keeping expenses with yearly rebate limits.
- Regular updates on membership status and elevations for every ExCom Meeting.