IEEE Czechoslovakia Section Report April 2013

1. Highlights from the past

- Five student Paper Competitions, three in Slovakia, two in Czech Republic: ŠVOČ 2012, FEI STU v Bratislava, ŠVOČ 2012, FI Pan European University Bratislava; IIT.SRC 2012, FIIT STU Bratislava, EEICT 2012, VUT, Brno
- Technical sponsorship of following Conferences: Radioelektronika 2012, 22nd International Conference, 17. - 18. 4. 2012, Hotel Myslivna, Brno Kohoutovice, Czech Republic; ELEKTRO 9th International Conference, 2012, 21. 5.- 22. 5. Rajecké Teplice Žilina, Slovakia; PDeS 2012 11th IFAC/IEEE International Conference on Programmable Devices and Embedded Systems – 23. 5. 25. 5., Žebětínsky dvůr, Brno, Czech Republic; ICCC 2012, 13-th International Carpathian Control Conference, 28. 5. -31. 5. , 2012 Podbanské, High Tatras Slovakia; DEIS 2012, The Second International Conference on Digital Enterprise and Information Systems, July 16-18, 2012,VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, Czech Republic; CSSim 2012, International Conference on Computer Modelling and Simulation, Brno University of Technology, September 3 - 5, 2012, Brno, Czech Republic; ACIVS 2012 Advanced Concepts in Intelligent Vision Systems, September 4 - 7, 2012, Brno, Czech Republic; ISEM 2012, 20-th International Symposium on Electric Machinery, September 5 – 7, 2012, Prague, Czech Republic; AE 2012, International Conference on Applied Electronics University of West Bohemia, 5 - 7 September 2012 Pilsen, Czech Republic; RiE 2012,The International Robotics in Education Conference, 13-15 September, 2012, Prague, Czech Republic; WMNC 2012, 5th joined IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference, Networking Conference, 19-21-st September 2012, Bratislava, Slovakia; Mechatronika 2012, 15th International Conference on Mechatronics 5. 12. -7. 12. 2012, ČVUT, Praha.
- 20-th anniversary of Czechoslovakia section was celebrated in Brno, IEEE R8 Director Martin Bastiaans was a distinguished guest

2. Future activities

- Following student paper competitions will be supported by section: EEICT Brno, ŠVOČ FEI STU, IITSRC FIIT STU, ŠVOČ PEVŠ
- MATLAB course for IEEE members
- Following conferences will be technically sponsored by Section: TSP 2013**,** ASRU 2013**,** CDEE 2013**,** PC 2013 RAAD 2014, EPE2013, NGMAST 2013, PDeS 2013

3. Best practices

- More strict rules for technical sponsorship of conferences were approved recently. Only chairs of active chapter will be allowed from 1.1.2014 to nominate conferences for technical sponsorship and the number will be restricted by the number of IEEE Societies they serve. Active chapter means such that obtained rebate in previous Year.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Legal Status Project. Representative fragments from ExCom response: „...our section is firmly established under "Non-Profit Vehicle in compliance with the law of the Czech Republic. This status may be not perfect but it is working."
  ..." In case the top IEEE management insists on such processes, we may end up in a situation NO ONE wants to be elected to ExCom ."
- Two chapters with very low level of activities. ExCom is trying to find volunteers to take responsibility and to revive them.
- Concerns about quality of the many conferences with technical sponsorship from section. ExCom is changing the rules for granting technical sponsorship in hope to alleviate this problem. (Please see 3. Best practice.)

5. Miscellaneous

- Following volunteers were awarded during 20-th anniversary of Czechoslovakia section with help of IEEE R8 Director Martin Bastiaans: Zbyňek Škvor, Jan Šístek, Lubomír Brančík, Vladimír Šebesta, Jiří Šebesta, Jan Černocký, Milan Polívka, Jiří Dřínovský, Martin Rakús, Ivanov Petružela, Tomáš Frýza, Valéria Hrabovcová, David Wolanský, Peter Sinčák, Stanislav Pospíšil, Václav Snášel, Martin Slanina, Carlos Granja
- Distinguished Lecturers programs

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