

IEEE Finland Section Report April 2013**1. Highlights from the past**

- Celebration of 40th Anniversary of IEEE Finland Section, October 4th 2012
- International conference on "Ubiquitous Positioning, Indoor Navigation and Location-Based Service", October 03-04, 2012 in Helsinki.
- International Symposium on System-on-Chip, October 11-12, 2012 in Tampere
- Embedded Systems Week (ESWEEK) consisting of three major conferences (EMSOFT, CASES, CODES+ISSS), October 7-12, 2012 in Tampere.
- IEEE Mini Conference of Scientific Publishing, February 22 2013 in Tampere
- Summer school in Flexible Solar Cells, May 29th - June 1st, 2012 in Oulu

2. Future activities

- Optical Measurements and Imaging - seminar, May 29th, 2013 in Oulu
- 11th International Conference on High Performance Computing and Simulation, July 1-5 2013 in Helsinki
- 13th International Conference on ITS Telecommunications and Workshops, October 16-18 2013 in Tampere

3. Best practices

- The Chapter of the Year Award given to the IEEE Finland Section Joint Chapter COM19/IT12 will be used by supporting young researchers traveling to an IT event ISIT in the year 2013.
- Activating industry contacts: Signal Processing and Circuits & Systems Chapter (together with IEEE GOLD Finland Tampere Section and IEEE SB@TUT) organizing a visit and discussion event at Nokia Research Center March 13, 2013.
- 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.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Three current Chapters have not been active and have not reported any meetings in 2011 and 2012. They are in a high risk of dissolution.
- The establishment and registration of IEEE Finland as a branch of U.S. based legal entity.

5. Miscellaneous

- Collecting and documenting the past officers and highlights of IEEE Finland Section
- Recognition of our three "IEEE 50 years" members, October 4th 2012
- Change of the IEEE Finland Section website to a new server to enable easier updates