IEEE Ghana Section Report April 2013

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Sections shall prepare a one-page summary about such things as:

1. Highlights from the past
   - Joint IEEE Communications/Computer Chapter in coordination with Ericsson Ghana was launched on 28th Sept 2012
   - Elections of 2013 IEEE Section Officers conducted in November 2012

2. Future activities
   - IEEE Ghana section planning to organize the following events:
     - A One day seminar on Cloud Computing May 2013
     - Earthing, Lightning (surge) and Harmonic resonance protection workshop during the month of July 2013.
   - IEEE Ghana section in coordination with the Student Branches is planning to organize the following activities:
     - National Level Student Technical Symposium (October 2013)
     - Student Branch Leadership Congress (September 2013)
   - IEEE Ghana Section is planning to improve industry relations and attract more members from the industry.
   - The Ghana section will continue to support the ICAST Conference 2013 which is going to held at Pretoria, South Africa in coordination with South Africa section.
   - Regular technical and administrative meetings as well as some social meetings are planned.

3. Best practices
   - Forming more student branches and organizations
   - Conducting regular monthly meetings within excomm members to strengthen the membership and technical activities for the section.
   - Ghana Section supports its members during the membership applications and especially those without credit cards
   - Encouraging the student branches to be more active.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
   - Involvement to the new huge industry in our country concerning the Oil and Gas findings with the creation of relevant seminars and workshops
   - Difficult to retain the members both student and professional members after the first year.

5. Miscellaneous
   - Visit of distinguished Professor the Vice Chancellor of SRM University, India Dr. Murugesan Ponnaaikko to IEEE All Nations University College Student Branch to deliver a speech on “Advancements in Computing Technology” (who was the former Chair, IEEE Madras Section (2006-2007)) on 19th November, 2012
   - Discussions for the creation of more student branches at University of Education, Winneba & Valley View University and other public and private universities in Ghana
   - Discussions with the National Society of Black Engineers for collaboration in conferences and seminars.
   - Discussions were going on to start IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society