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
- ICAST 2012 Conference held at KNUST Campus, Kumasi between 25-27 Oct 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 Ponnavaikko** 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