IEEE Portugal Section Report April 2013

1. Highlights from the past
   - IEEE Portugal Student Branch Congress, Guimarães, October 2012
   - IEEE Iberian Student Branch Congress, Porto, March 2013
   - 3rd Portuguese Meeting on Bioengineering, Braga, February 2013

2. Future activities
   - International Conference on Autonomous Robot Systems and Competitions, Lisbon, April 2013
   - 2nd IEEE International Conference on Serious Games and Applications for Health, May 2013
   - Conference on Future Internet Communications, Coimbra, May 2013
   - International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems, Porto, June 2013
   - Future Network Summit 2013, Lisbon, July 2013

3. Best practices
   - The project that begun as IEEE IST Academic was approved for global expansion, as one of the most revolutionary educational initiatives to come out of IEEE.
   - An effort has been made to bring young blood into the section committee, currently including 8 officers with student and/or GOLD status. This should contribute to continuity of section activities well into the future.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
   - The new registration procedure of the Portugal Section as an IEEE Branch of IEEE Europe GmbH is moving forward, starting in late April or early May.
   - Our elections for the Section Committee were postponed to coincide with the new registration, and are currently late.

5. Miscellaneous
   - Distinguished Lecturers programs
     - Meliha Selak, Porto, March 2013
   - New OUs
     - ISCTE WiE Student AG, Lisbon, January 2013