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