

Ghana Section

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Highlights from the past

- IEEE Day was celebrated for the first time in the history of Ghana Section on October 1st, 2013 at Kofi Annan ICT Center, Accra. About 200 Students from 5 different universities participated and celebrated IEEE Day.
- Visit by Dr. Gordon Day, Past President of IEEE to the Ghana Section on 18th and 19th September 2013.
- Established relationship with Meltwater Entrepreneurial School of Technology (MEST) and Ghana Section.
- The IEEE Presidential Delegation team Dr. Peter Staecker & his team visited Ghana Section during 13th & 14th November 2013.
- IEEE Presidential delegation team visited various Universities (KNUST, ANUC, PUC, & Regional Maritime University) and Industries (MEST, Electricity Company of Ghana ECG) to gain a better understanding of the status of Engineering Education in Ghana and also to discuss potential opportunities for IEEE in Ghana.
- The Presidential delegation team along with the Ghana Section Executives also visited the Honorable Minister, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation, Ghana and had a fruitful discussion on 14th November, 2013.
- IEEE Ghana Section and IEEE Joint Computer & Communications Society organized Distinguished Lecture Program on 14th, 15th & 24th October, 2013 at various places in Ghana.

Future activities

- Student Congress scheduled to take place on April 1st, 2014.
- IEEE Ghana Section partner with Institute of Mathematical Science, Ghana planning to organize "Entrepreneurship Workshop for Scientists and Engineers" during the month of July 2014.
- Planning to conduct a Workshop on "Signal Processing and Circuits and Systems IC Design" during the month of June 2014.
- IEEE Ghana is currently in the process of establishing IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Chapter.
- The Ghana Section will continue to support the ICAST 2014 conference which is going to be held at Covenant University, Nigeria partner with Nigeria Section.
- Membership drive to establish Student Branches at all major public and private universities in Ghana.

Best practices

- Monthly regular Executive Committee meetings to strengthen the membership and technical activities for the Section.
- Encouraging the student members to be more active.
- Promoting IEEE and the benefits of joining IEEE among Student members and Professional members.
- Organizing Professional Leadership Seminar twice in a year for the benefits of student members.
- Monthly Ghana Section Newsletter circulated to all section members via email.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Difficult to retain the members both student and professional members after the first year.
- High subscription rates of IEEE Explore papers for the students and professional members.

Miscellaneous

- In the process of formation of GOLD Affinity Group in the Ghana Section.
- Formation of Women in Engineering Student Branch Affinity group at All Nations University College, Koforidua, Ghana.
- Discussion for the creation of more student branches at Sikkim Manipal University, Ghana and Valley View University and other private Universities in Ghana