

The 103<sup>rd</sup> IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting

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# **Benelux Section**

## Highlights from the past

- The IEEE Job fair 2013 was held in December 2013.
- Various seminars were held at KULeuven, in collaboration with the ECS Chapter.
- The 10th Symposium
- Evolutions in Power Engineering: Protection of Future Power Systems was organized with the IEEE Student Branch Leuven in April 2014.
- The Solders of Fortune Student challenge took place in April 2014.

## **Future activities**

- The IEEE Student/Young Professinals chip design/paper contest will be organized at KULeuven in colloboration with Thales NL.
- The IEEE Sections Congress 2014 will be organized in Amsterdam in August 2014.

#### **Best practices**

• An IEEE Benelux Section Outstanding Student Branch Award and an IEEE Benelux Section Volunteer Award will be set up in the coming months.

### Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Section by-laws are currently being re-discussed to remove any inconstency.
- MoU is being discussed with KIVI (to replace the agreement with NERG).

#### Miscellaneous

• At the IEEE Region 8 student paper contest, two theses of the Benelux section were awarded the second and third prizes: Nick Janssen (Analysis and Design of Complex Structures with an Eigencurrent ExpansionMethod) from TU Eindhoven; Nicolas Van der Noot and Allan Barrea (Zero-Moment Point on a Bipedal Robot under Bio-InspiredWalking Control), from UCL.