

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2009

Present: Murray, Richard, Subhas, Matthew, Keith, Sajal, Mansoor, Powel, Chris and Mengjie.

Apology: Edmund, Theresa, Bob, Ramesh, Sen Gupta

Murray chaired the meeting, started 15 minutes late due to non-availability of audio system.

Murray will explore the option of using both skype as well as the audio bridge in the coming meetings.

The minutes of the last meeting held in January 2009: agreed in principle.

Finance report: Sen Gupta has gone to Vietnam to attend the R10 meeting. So the finance report will be available after his return.

Annual reporting: All reports have been submitted before the deadline, so we will get the bonus alongwith the rebate in 2009.

Website: Keith has updated the committee members. In the email list for the Central section, we have now 267 members in the list. The email from IEEE for any notice goes to 267 members.

Membership development: Ramesh was not available to update it.

Students' branch: Matthew is trying to organize an event in near future. It is suggested to think of two events, one for PN and another in Wellington.

The event may be of social type introducing IEEE.

Matthew has started Google calendar to share among all members.

Richard suggested to have the event with some prizes, kind of lucky draw.

It is required to have some discussion with Matthew, Murray to decide the event.

Theresa is not available for WIE report.

Chapter formation: Edmund will update it. He did not attend the meeting.

Future General meeting: Murray informed that there will be better coordination for the coming events. Everybody is asked to see the possibility of organizing seminars by distinguished speakers. The speakers can be from NZ too.

There is a possibility of a visit from Bell Lab during early June (Mansoor).

Any new prospective staff for VUW may also deliver a talk.

Any topic of general interest is welcomed.

Joint event with IET may also be considered.

Conference and Events:

Support to IVCNZ 2009 – Members agreed to extend the technical support to IVCNZ 2009. No financial support will be provided. Subhas will officially informed the conference organizer.

Support to IEEE Workshop of Mechatronic system in Medical: Members agreed to extend the technical support. No financial support will be provided. Subhas will officially inform the conference organizer.

R10 Meeting in New Zealand: It is better someone from Wellington to enquire the availability of a conference venue in a hotel along with accommodation facility. R10 secretary need to be asked regarding the probable dates and arrangement can be made.

125th anniversary: May be good to have a joint celebration along with North and South section. Of course, the venue may be a problem.

So may be a road-show type of event may be more attractive.

Murray will contact North and South and discuss about their plans.

May be an one-day workshop along with the post-graduate presentation a possible one.

Next meeting: the next meeting will be held on 7th April at 4.30pm.