

Minutes of IEEE Central Section Committee Meeting

4 August 2009, at 4.30 pm

Present: Murray Milner, Keith Morris, Richard Harris, Subhas Mukhopadhyay, Pawel, Mengjie, Mansoor Shafi, Chris

Apologies: Bob Hodgson, Sajal, Edmund, Teresha, Matthew, Ramesh

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

No new matters arisen.

Finance

Sen Gupta was not available. No new development of finance. Expenses for the joint breakfast meeting is to be paid. The expenses for the Central section is roughly 330 dollars.

Website

Keith has updated the web site. Now the details of the events such as 125th anniversary as well as the post-graduate presentation are available in the web site.

Membership development

Ramesh was not available for comment. Murray has been informed that Ramesh is working on a number of membership initiatives.

Students branch and Post-graduate presentation

Matthew was not available. In fact Matthew has not been seen in recent times. It looks like he is out of contact. It will be good to think of some other members who can take over the student responsibility. We need to raise new interest at the post-graduate presentation day.

Regarding the post-graduate presentation, the notice has already gone to students and the students have started giving their names.

The prizes need to be decided. Like last year's Bennett Bookshop will be contacted.

The section will support with some finance.

The judges will be like last year, Murray, John and Ned, assuming all are available.

John will be contacted by Mengjie, Ned will be contacted by Edmund.

Keith will arrange to circulate a notice.

Women in Engineering activities

Theresa has been contacted, but continues to be unavailable. Murray will continue to contact her, but to date she has not attended any meetings.

Chapter activities

Edmund has sent the minutes of the first meeting of the new chapter. A committee has been formed and a program of activities is being developed.

Technical presentation and future events

The next event is the postgraduate presentation competition to be held on the afternoon of 4 September at Victoria University Law school.

The following event is on 1st October, the celebration of 125th anniversary of IEEE. Professor Bob Hodgson will deliver a presentation on Sparking a Revolution- Marconi, Shipwrecks and Murder, The venue is still decided.

There is a visitor from University of Limerick visiting Subhas. Dr. Sinead o'Keeffie will will delivering two seminars, one at Massey PN and another at VUW, Wellington. The date for PN seminar is 14th October and for Wellington is 21st October. Subhas will contact Keith with details of the seminar for the circulation of notices.

125th anniversary

The venue is still under discussion, most probably it will be at VUW. The section will spend some money (of around 500 dollars) for the event.

Financial Support to students to attend Australasian Computational Intelligence Summer School

Mengjie proposed whether IEEE New Zealand Central section can financially sponsor a few students to attend the First Australasian Computational Intelligence Summer School to be held in Melbourne on 30 Nov - 1 Dec. This summer school is designed for postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand who are doing research in the area of computational intelligence (Neural Networks, Evolutionary Computing, Fuzzy systems, intelligence agents, Web intelligence).

There was a long discussion on the issue. The committee's decision was that Mengjie to contact the chair of the summer school to check whether this event is sponsored by IEEE.

The committee will discuss further in the next meeting based on the available information.

Newsletter

Murray will start writing the first newsletter. Then it will be once in every two months. The next newsletter is scheduled to be prepared by Mansoor Shafi and published at the end of September.

Next Meeting: 4.30 pm, 1st September 2009.