



# The Open Channel

Newsletter for the Hampton Roads Section

The Institute of Electrical  
and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

October 2001

## October Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2001

**Location:** Sammy & Nicks  
2718 Mercury Blvd  
Hampton, Virginia

**Schedule:** 6:00 p.m. - Administrative Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Social  
7:00 p.m. - Dinner  
7:30 p.m. - Open forum

**Meal Price:** Member - \$15.00  
Student - \$7.50  
Guest - \$15.00

**Directions:** Take I-64 to Mercury Blvd. (from the south side, go through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel), Exit westbound on to Mercury Blvd., and travel approximately 1.5 miles. Sammy and Nick's is on the right.

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## Engineering Mentor Program

Old Dominion University is asking for volunteers to be mentors for an Engineering Mentor Program. The mentor's mission will be: to keep students motivated and focused on the future; help students to be goal oriented; connect students with the real-world environment; assist the student in career development. The engineer is asked to commit on academic year as a mentor making contact with the student at least once a month. If you would like to get involved contact Bill LaBelle (757.421.8426/8715, [labellew@spawar.navy.mil](mailto:labellew@spawar.navy.mil)) or Jackie Hurwitz (757.455.5743, [Jackie@IDAX.com](mailto:Jackie@IDAX.com)).

## NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK IS 17-23 FEBRUARY 2002

Mark your calendars and start your planning for E-Week 2002. Visit the official E-Week website for ideas on how to participate in this annual celebration of the profession. <http://www.eweek.org>

## E-MAIL ALIAS SERVICE STOPS RECORD NUMBER OF VIRUSES

The IEEE Personal Email Alias Service stopped nearly 25,000 viruses in July, five times more than in June. All IEEE email is routed through this service, which is free to all members. About 65,000 members currently use it. Before accepting incoming email, the service scans all messages and attachments with anti-virus software, which is updated daily. If a virus is detected, the message is deleted. An alert is then sent to the sender and the recipient. Clean messages are immediately delivered.

For more information, go to  
<http://elecomm.ieee.org/personal-aliases.shtml> .

## NEW IEEE VOLUNTEER RESOURCES PAGE

A revised Volunteer Resources web site has been posted at <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/vols/>. New features of the site are direct links to various organizational unit home pages, quick links to sites used by many volunteers, and the capability to suggest pages that should be linked from the Volunteer Resources Home Page. The site continues to include links for key sites in the following areas: All Volunteers; People Writing/Creating Content; People Involved in Publishing; People Involved in Technical Societies; People Involved in Sections; People Involved in Chapters; People Involved in Student Branches; People Involved in Conferences; People Involved in Standards Development; People Involved in Professional Development; and People Involved in Organizational Unit Board Activities

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### Educational Activities Board

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The IEEE is pleased to announce a new educational partnership with National Technological University (NTU), a pre-eminent leader in e-learning and distance education since 1984. NTU offers graduate engineering and IT degrees with courses provided from 52 leading universities, including 25 of the top 50 engineering schools. To learn more about the advanced degrees and professional development certificate programs available through IEEE, go to [www.ieee.org/pdi/ntu](http://www.ieee.org/pdi/ntu).

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### WEB RESOURCE: ENGINEERING A RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

The IEEE-USA website provides background on the problem of terrorism and some proposed responses, and is intended to promote a discussion of what the IEEE and its members can do to help stop terrorism.  
<http://www.ieeeusa.org/forum/terrorism.html>

## IEEE CONFERENCES PROCEED AS SCHEDULED

More than 98 percent of IEEE-sponsored and cosponsored conferences are proceeding as scheduled despite the recent travel slowdown.

For additional information on IEEE Conferences, visit the IEEE Conference Search site at <http://www.ieee.org/conferencesearch/> or see changes on the IEEE Conference Update at <http://www.ieee.org/conferences/update.html>.

For additional information, contact IEEE Conference Services, telephone +1 732 562 3878 or [m.dewald@ieee.org](mailto:m.dewald@ieee.org).

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