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IEEE 2007 Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision, Visual Motion, and Evaluation of Tracking Systems will be held 20-23 Feb in Austin. No website, but the conference organizer is listed as JK Aggarwal at

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14th Intl Test Synthesis Workshop (ITSW 2007) is sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society's Test Technology Technical Council (TTTC) and will be held March 5-7 at the El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio March 5-7. Paper abstracts due 12 January. [Conference website.](#)

2007 International Workshop on System Level Interconnect Prediction (SLIP) will be held at the Lakeway Resort and Spa in Austin on 17-18 March 2007. <http://www.sliponline.org/>

ACM Intl Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD) on March 18-21 at Dolce Lakeway Resort and Spa in Austin. [Conference website](#)

IEEE Intl Conference on Radio Frequency Identification Technologies (RFID) 2007. March 28-29 2007 in Grapevine, TX. Conference website: www.ieee-rfid.org/2007

2007 IEEE International Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE) will be held April 16-18, 2007 in the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX . <http://engineering.utsa.edu/2007ieeesose>

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- IEEE 2007 Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision, Vis Motion, and Evaluation of Tracking Systems
- 14th Intl Test Synthesis Workshop (ITSW 2007)
- 2007 Intl Workshop on System Level Interconnect Prediction (SLIP)
- ACM Intl Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD)
- IEEE Intl Conference on RFID 2007
- 2007 IEEE International Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE)
- 2007 IEEE International Conference on IC Design & Technolog (ICICDT)
- IEEE Int'l Symposium on Consumer Electronics (ISCE 2007)
- 2007 IEEE International Engineering Management Conference - EM 2007 (IEMC)
- IEEE Intl Conference on Image Processing 2007 (ICIP)

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1. Section Activities

Chairman's Column

As we enter the New Year, it is time once again to meet and plan. The Section will hold the spring planning meeting in San Marcos on February 3. In the daylong meeting, each of the section officers and chapter chair will present their plans for 2007. All members are invited to attend.

Chapter officers and contact information should be reported to the section secretary, [Tom Grim](#), for his officer confirmation report to IEEE.

Treasurers should report to section treasurer, [Scott Atkinson](#), for the section financial report. Both reports are required to secure the rebate which is a major source of funding for section and chapter activities.

Since the election cycle for Central Texas Section is bi-annual, the slate section officers remains the same in 2007.

Your Central Texas Section officers are:

Chairman: [Clif Denny](#)

2007 IEEE International Conference on IC Design & Technology (ICICDT)

will be held 30 May - 1 Jun in Austin.

<http://www.icicdt.org/>

IEEE Int'l Symposium on Consumer Electronics (ISCE 2007)

will be held June 20-23 in Dallas at the Westin DFW Airport.

Abstracts for paper submissions are due Feb 2.

[Conference website.](#)

2007 IEEE International Engineering Management Conference - EM 2007 (IEMC)

will be held 29 Jul - 1 Aug at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort and Spa in Lost Pines.

<http://www.iemc07.org>

IEEE Intl Conference on Image Processing 2007 (ICIP)

will be held Sept 16-19 in San Antonio. The Call for Papers can be found on the [conference website.](#)

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Vice Chairman, Austin: [Snerry Griespie](#)
Vice Chairman, San Antonio: [Garrett Polhamus](#)
Treasurer: [Scott Atkinson](#)
Secretary: [Tom Grim](#)

Looking forward to 2007, I once again would like to encourage you to invest in your career by participating in section and chapter activities.

The outgoing president of IEEE-USA wrote to report his accomplishment for the year. He cited the top four areas of interest resulting from a poll the membership, which were:

1. Improve the value of member services.
2. Mid-career education.
3. Improve K-12 education.
4. Resuscitate the Innovation Initiative in Engineering.

Central Texas Section members contributed to these successes by promoting our members to higher grades, forming new chapters, leading several successful conferences, and holding over 100 section and chapter meetings.

We will continue to provide our members value in 2007. As a professional, the value of IEEE is to network with your peers and participate in activities through volunteering. In other words, the skill you develop through IEEE activities make better engineers in the workplace and your workplace skills improve the quality of IEEE.

Whether you want to present a technical paper or learn how to run a business, there are opportunities to grow professionally through section and chapter activities.

I would like to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Seek out an officer and make your interests known. We strive to support the members of Central Texas Section.

Clif Denny
Chairman
Central Texas Section

c.denny@ieee.org
Senior Member IEEE
Central Texas Section Chair

Chapter News

The *Engineering Management Society* wants to start a San Antonio affiliate group. If you are interested, please contact [Nils Smith](#).

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[IEEE-USA](#)

To contribute information to this electronic newsletter, please send it by e-mail to robersondj@ieee.org.



CTS Fellows

The road to being nominated (and selected) for IEEE Fellow is long - to make Fellow, you must have an extraordinary record of accomplishment. Congratulate these individuals when you see them as new IEEE Fellow

Ari Arapostathis - University of Texas at Austin - for contributions nonlinear and stochastic control and applications in power systems

Ross Baldick - University of Texas at Austin - for contributions to analysis of power system economics

C. L. Philip Chen - University of Texas at San Antonio - for contributions to intelligent manufacturing systems design and integration

Continuing Education

NEED CEUs? The University of Texas at Austin offers a wide array of continuing engineering education opportunities geared towards Texas engineers. All of the training awards continuing education units (CEUs) which Texas PEs are now required to submit for their annual renewal. event boast CEU Conferences where you can get all required 1.5 CEU including 1 hour of engineering ethics – in just a few days! Visit www.UTclee.org for more information.

Upcoming opportunities include:

[Software Project Management Certificate Program \(online or onsi](#)

- ongoing

Student Branches

The student branches have great plans to for their second round of grant provided the Section. Robotics competition highlight the activities along with taking engineering to the high schools.

St Mary's University - San Antonio ([for more information](#))

Faculty Advisor: Djaffer Ibaroudene, Email: dibaroudene@stmarytx.edu

Branch President: Joshua Cavazos , email: jcavazos1@stmarytx.edu

Trinity University - San Antonio

Faculty Advisor: Farzan Aminian, Email: farzan@enr.trinity.edu

Branch President: Will Johnson, email: William.johnson@trinity.edu

University of Texas at Austin ([for more information](#))

Faculty Advisor: Sriram Vishwanath, email: sriram@ece.utexas.edu

Branch chair: Rossen Tzartzev, email: chair@ieee.utexas.edu

University of Texas at San Antonio ([for more information](#))

Faculty Advisor: Yufang Jin, Email: Yufang.Jin@utsa.edu

Branch chair: Nickolas Grady, gradyn@hotmail.com

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Calls for Volunteers

Paper Judges

A big part of the Region 5 Annual meeting is the student competitions. If you would like to participate, but can't make it to Arkansas, consider becoming a judge of the undergraduate student paper competition. You can do it from your own computer, and you will be provided judging guidelines. Contact [Sandra Robinson](#) for more details!

Online mentors

The IEEE Mentoring Connection Program is looking for “online” mentors to help guide younger professionals in career planning and professional development. Currently, 489 mentees and 264 mentors have registered. Mentor participation is open to all higher grade IEEE members.

The program enables mentees to select their mentoring partner online from a list of individuals who have volunteered to serve as mentors. After mentors are identified as a potential match, they are contacted and asked to begin establishing a relationship.

Interested members can visit <http://www.ieee.org/mentoring> for information on the roles and responsibilities of each mentoring partner, including additional program information and an FAQ page. Potential mentors are asked to review the time and effort commitment to the program necessary to ensure a successful mentoring partnership.

For more information, contact Cathy Downer, Regional Activities, at c.downer@ieee.org.

IEEE POTENTIALS Magazine Call For Papers

Potentials Magazine, the IEEE periodical dedicated to serving the needs of students and entry-level engineers, is looking for authors. All IEEE members

have access to Potentials through IEEEExplore.

Manuscripts can deal with theory, practical applications or new research. They can be tutorial in nature. Equations should be kept to a minimum. Articles without equations are preferred.

No more than 12 references should be listed at the end of a manuscript. There should not be any embedded reference numbers. If it is necessary to cite authors for key points or quotes, their names can be stated in the text and a full reference given at the end.

Graphs and diagrams must reproduce well at published size. This means a minimum of 300 dpi for jpeg-, tiff- or eps-formatted figures at published size. Figures should be limited to ten or less. Articles should be 2,000 – 4,000 words in length. Four to six lines about the author and co-author may be included.

For author guidelines, visit <http://www.ieee.org/potentials>. Articles can be submitted at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pot-ieee>.

2. Chapter Activities

Multiple Chapters

Joint Meeting - Electron Devices and Women in Engineering

Joint Circuits and Systems/Solid-State Circuits

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time: Tuesday January 9th, 2007 6:30PM

Cost:

Reservations:

Meeting Location: Pok-e-Jos on 5th St just east of Mopac

Anyone interested in becoming a Chapter Officer, participating as a Volunteer, or desires to participate in the planning of 2007 CTS CAS/SSC Chapter activities should attend.

If you have interest in becoming an officer should contact

seningen@ieee.org prior to the the Jan 9th meeting.

For further information, contact Mike Seningen at seningen@ieee.org or Carol Jens at c.jens@ieee.org.

Computer Society - Austin [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title: Niagara2, A Highly-Threaded Server-on-a-Chip

Speaker: Greg Grohoski, Distinguished Engineer, Sun Microsystems

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 17, 6:30-8:30p

Cost: Free

Meeting Location: [National Instruments, 11500 North MoPac, Building C, Room 1812, Austin, TX 78750](#)

www.ieee-cs-cts.org, Room 1515, Austin, TX 78722

See <http://austin-cs.org/> for detailed directions and for last minute information. This presentation is open to the public.

Computer Society - San Antonio [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title: About FaceKey Corp.

Speaker: Yevgeny Levitov, PhD

Date and Time: Thursday, January 18

6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 8 p.m. - presentat

Cost: \$10 members, \$2 students \$13 non-members

Reservations: Email [Yu Zhang](mailto:Yu.Zhang@ieee-cs-cts.org) by January 15, (210) 999-7399

Location: Skyline Room, Coates Center, Trinity University, San Antonio TX.

Directions: Please note that we have parking instructions on the Web site. The Alamo Stadium parking is reserved for Alamo Stadium Even parking. Please check out the instructions at http://www.ieee-cs-cts.org/meeting_details.htm for the parking by Laurie Auditorium.

More information on the program is available at our Web site <http://www.ieee-cs-cts.org>.

Consultants Network [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic: *Advancing Technologies for Building Automation* (and annual election of officers)

Speaker: Al Mouton, Loytec America

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25

Networking at 6:00 pm, Business and program from 7:00 pm to 8:30

Cost: \$5.00 minimum charge for the restaurant.. Supper is at optional e: cost

Reservations: Not required

Meeting Location: China Star Restaurant, 6134 Hwy 290 E, Austin TX

Directions: Westbound access road of 290E, just east of IH 35

The topic: Standard communication protocols for building automation systems.

Building Control Products based on both Lon Works and BACnet protocols

The speaker: Al Mouton is the President of Loytec America, represent Loytec Electronics of Austria to market and service US accounts with highly functional, cost-effective and user-friendly products for control networks. Al formerly ran a design and consulting company, AGM System. He retired from Motorola and was Strategic Marketing and

Planning Manager for Lon Works Products. Al also owns the Blue Heron, a Bed & Breakfast Inn in Bastrop.

Feb: VOIP Attacks!

The Consultants web directory is to be found at
<http://www.alesu.com/xltp/ieecons/listzero.htm>

-- *Electromagnetic Compatibility Society* [[for more information](#)]

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time: Thursday,

Cost:

Reservations:

Meeting Location:

Neither IEEE nor EMC membership is required and all visitors are invited to attend. For additional information, including map to the meeting location, please see our web site at

<http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/emcs/chapters/centraltexas/index.html>

-- *Electron Devices Society* [[for more information](#)]

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time: Thursday, at 5pm

Meeting Location:

Directions: check their website for lots more details!

-- *Engineering in Medicine and Biology* [[for more information](#)]

Topic or Presentation Title: Welcome to My World - Prosthetics and Orthotics

Speaker: Gordon Bosker, CPO and Bill Rogers

Date and Time: Wed, January 17

6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - Progr

Cost: \$10 members/ free for students/\$15 non-members

Reservations: RSVP to [Garrett Polhamus](#)

Meeting Location: BSE 2.102 on the UTSA Campus, San Antonio

Directions: From I-10, take the UTSA Blvd exit, and head west. Turn the second traffic light onto the UTSA campus, and take the 1st right and follow it to the last parking lot. The Biotechnology, Sciences and Engineering Building is the newest building on campus, and is the building on your left. The conference room is on the second floor.

For further information please contact [Dawn Roberson](#) 210-458-5520

Engineering Management [\[for more information\]](#)

Date:

Event:

Speaker:

Location: El Gallo Restaurant, 2910 S. Congress

Cost: \$15 includes dinner (at the door)

RSVP: lmartinich@ieee.org

For more info: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/ems/

For other information about the Engineering Management Society activities, see the the web site:

http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/ems/

For information regarding chapter activities (and those wanting to volunteer), contact Leslie Martinich (leslie@competitivefocus.com) (512-423-5121).

Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time:

Cost:

Reservations: Kristi Hummel, khummel@ieee.org

Meeting Location:

Directions:

Laser and Electro Optics Society

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time:

Cost:

Reservations:

Meeting Location:

Directions:

For more information, contact Ray Chen raychen@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Power Engineering Society

Power Engineering Society - Austin [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title: *Transformers*

Speaker: Sunbelt Transformers

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 23 with the social beginning at 6pm
Cost:
Reservations: Please RSVP to [Rheuben Hair](#) at (512) 477-6937 ext 30 or go to our web site at <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/centraltexas/index.htm>.
Meeting Location: El Gallo Mexican Restaurant at 2910 S Congress
Directions:

For further information, please contact Susan Thompson or Roy Matthe at 512-442-8085 ext 25

Power Engineering Society - San Antonio [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title:
Speaker:
Date and Time:
Cost:
Reservations:

As always you do not have to be an IEEE member to attend.

For more information go to our web site at

<http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/centraltexas/sanantonio>

Meeting Location: Blue Star Brewery, 1414 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78210-1117, 210-212-5506

Directions: Available on our website.

Product Safety Engineering Society [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title: *Anatomy of an Accident: How Lack of Documentation Will Cause Problems*
Speaker: James Justin Mercier, P.E., Texas Department of Transportat
Date and Time: Tuesday, January 16th, 6:30pm
Cost: None
Reservations: None
Meeting Location: Dell, Parmer Campus, Parmer South Building 4, Victoria Conference Room.
Directions: Call Dale Ritzen (512) 651-5338 for details and directions.

We encourage you, others in your organization, or other interested part to participate in our meetings. The PSES meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30, with the program starting at 7pm. Instead of a reg meeting in November or December, a combined monthly meeting is h in early December to allow members and guests to enjoy the Thanksgi and Christmas holidays. For further information about the PSES, please contact Dale Ritzen at (512) 651-5338.

Chapter Chair: Daniece Carpenter (daniece_carpenter@dell.com).

Joint Signal Processing/Communications Society [\[for more](#)

[information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time:

Cost:

Reservations:

Meeting Location:

-- *Women in Engineering* [\[for more information\]](#)

Topic or Presentation Title:

Speaker:

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25

Cost:

Reservations:

Meeting Location:

Women in Engineering has been an Affinity Group of the Central Texas Section since the Fall of 2002.

Additional information is on the WIE website at <http://www.austin-wie.org>.

Editor's Notes

The goal of this newsletter is to provide the more than 6500 members of the Section with up-to-date and meaningful information. We welcome contributions and suggestions that will improve the newsletter. Please contact the editor, Dawn Roberson at robersondj@ieee.org if you have any thoughts or suggestions. The deadline for submission is the 25th of month.

To add your name to the list who get the Analog, send an email from the address to be added to listserv@listserv.ieee.org. Put only the following text in the body of the message: subscribe cts-section.

If you no longer wish to receive the Analog, follow the directions as listed above, but instead of subscribe, put 'unsubscribe cts-section'.

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3. IEEE Info

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IEEE Members access the world of technology. Search more than 1,100,000 documents in IEEE Xplore. Subscribe to IEEE Society publications at low, member-only rates. Purchase papers online for just \$13 each -- or save even more when you subscribe to the IEEE Member Digital Library.

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<http://boldfish.ieee.org/u/market8+/04196044>

[IEEE-USA NEWS & VIEWS](#) : IEEE Career-Building Resources:
BOOKMARK THIS SITE: For career-building resources, including articles and product and service notices, visit IEEE-USA's CAREER NAVIGATOR at: <http://ieeusa.org/careers/>. IEEE XELL [a.k.a. Experience Now IEEE] GAINS SOCIETIES' SUPPORT

Engineers Without Borders --USA Student Recognitions

In 2007, for the second time, IEEE-USA is sponsoring five \$1,000 recognition awards for college students who distinguish themselves in volunteer reconstruction efforts for Engineers Without Borders (EWB)-USA, the non-profit humanitarian organization. The achievement award will be presented at the EWB-USA international conference, 12-14 April 2007, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

For details, go to <http://www.ewb-usa.com/index.php>.

The Institute seeks Section, Region and Society News

The IEEE Institute member newspaper is seeking more Section, Region and Society news items in an effort to broaden its coverage and help the entities publicize their activities.

Appropriate subjects include:

- * Recognitions that members receive such as promotions, appointments, awards, or honors from their community or government.
- * Recognition that members receive from an IEEE entity, such as an award
- * Interesting jobs or hobbies for member profile pieces.
- * News about IEEE student members, student branches, student activities and competitions.

- * New products, services, or activities that the Society, Section, Region or Student Branch is offering.
- * Successful social or technical events or meetings.
- * Obituaries on members.

Send the basic "who, what, when, where, and how," and the Institute editors will be in contact if more information is needed.

The editors are also looking for suggestions for topics to write about, whether it's IEEE related or something about the engineering field. Email your news to: theinstitute@ieee.org.

Wanted: Fellow Nominations From Industry

If you know an IEEE Senior Member working in industry who has made extraordinary contributions in applying technology in the IEEE's fields of interest, consider nominating that person as a Fellow, the institute's highest membership grade. The deadline to nominate someone for the class of 2008 is 1 March 2007. Read more at <http://bmsmail3.ieee.org:80/u/4260/00757617>

IEEE Launches Internet Television

On 15 August, IEEE is launching the Beta release of IEEE.tv – an internet-based broadcasting network that will produce and deliver prerecorded, special-interest programming for engineers and technologists. A collaborative effort of IEEE volunteers, members and staff across the organization, the new service will initially be available only to members only through the myIEEE web portal, (www.ieee.org/myieee). It will expand to provide select content intended for the general public starting September.

IEEE.tv will feature original IEEE-produced content within a viewer that may in the future serve as a carrier for non-IEEE productions. Series include IEEE conference highlights, interviews with authors who publish books with IEEE, IEEE president-elect candidate debates, and introductions to new IEEE products. In September, general interest programs including those promoting careers in engineering and demonstrating new technology in everyday applications will be available to anyone who visits www.ieee.org/ieeetv. Individuals with questions can contact tv@ieee.org.

IEEE-USA Offers Resources to Assist Tech-Based Entrepreneurs

The new IEEE-USA Entrepreneurs Village is an online portal designed to provide high-tech entrepreneurs with tools and resources conducive to innovation and company growth. The portal links high-tech entrepreneurs

with their peers, and prospective entrepreneurs with mentors. Village members can seek advice and information on such topics as organizational funding, marketing, human resources, asset requirements, growth, best practices, and legal and government issues. A search engine will assist in finding the right match for your needs. Experienced entrepreneurs are encouraged to become mentors.

To read the related news release, visit:

<http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2682/135523>

Visit the Village at: <http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2683/135523>.

Ready to Learn With Online Tutorials

The problem: you have to get up to speed quickly on, say, the python programming language. The solution: start with the new ReadyNotes online tutorials from the IEEE Computer Society. Seven tutorials are out so far, and the one-stop guides provide practical nuts-and-bolts instruction across a range of topics geared to software developers, IT professionals, computing instructors, and students. Read more at

<http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2598/00757617>

Welcome to the World of K-12 Engineering!

Introducing engineering into the K-12 classroom connects science and math concepts to the everyday engineering that surrounds us.

TeachEngineering.com helps teachers enhance learning, excite students, and stimulate interest in science and math through the use of hands-on engineering. With a fully searchable, digital library of standards-based lesson plans, and a myriad of "Living Laboratories" that bring real-world engineering principles into the classroom, TeachEngineering's comprehensive curricula are hands-on, inexpensive, and relevant to children's daily lives.

TeachEngineering.com is a joint effort of the University of Colorado, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Colorado School of Mines, Duke University, Oregon State University, and the American Society for Engineering Education, and is funded in part by the National Science Foundation.

Bring the world of engineering into the K-12 classroom with TeachEngineering.com. You don't need knowledge of engineering to use these curricula!

Search TeachEngineering.com's digital library at www.teachengineering.com.

IEEE Teams with IBM to Launch TRYENGINEERING.ORG

IEEE and IBM have collaborated to launch a new website that combines interactive activities with information on careers in engineering. TryEngineering.org is designed to educate a variety of audiences about different engineering disciplines and the impact engineers have on society. Targeted toward teachers, school counselors, parents and students, TryEngineering.org lets site visitors explore how to prepare for an engineering career, ask designated experts engineer-related questions and play interactive games. Tools for teachers include lesson plans and engineering projects as well as a list of student competitions and science and engineering-oriented summer camps.

The site will be launched on 5 June with a searchable list of accredited engineering programs in the U.S. and Canada, and will be expanded to include programs in other English-speaking countries as well as Germany and France. For more information contact Doug Gorham, Educational Activities, at d.g.gorham@ieee.org or +1 732 562 5483 or Allison Ickowicz at a.m.ickowicz@ieee.org or +1 732 562 5496.

Is Digital Copyright Legislation Going Too Far?

Tinkerers and electronic consumers beware. Legislation involving new electronic recording devices and digital, audio, or video playback technology severely compromise electronics industry innovation. According to IEEE Spectrum's Tekla Perry, "The Digital Millennium Copyright Act was the first federal law passed that directly attacks the fair use rights of consumers and product developers. But more such laws are at the pipeline." Tune into IEEE Spectrum Online's exclusive radio report <http://bmsmail3.ieee.org:80/u/3497/00757617>

Call for IEEE Mentors!

Opening 14 July 2006, IEEE is offering its members the opportunity to participate in an online program which will facilitate the matching of IEEE members for the purpose of establishing a mentoring partnership. By volunteering as a mentor, individuals use their career and life experience to help other IEEE members in their professional development. As a mentee, you lead your partnership by selecting your mentoring partner from among those who have volunteered to serve in this capacity. We ask that you review the time and effort commitment to the program to ensure a successful mentoring partnership.

Presently, IEEE is offering potential Mentors, like you, the opportunity to enter the program first. IEEE has partnered with The Training Connect

...the program that IEEE has partnered with The Training Connection, a vendor that has developed a web-based mentoring program to facilitate the matching process. Participation in the program is voluntary and open to all IEEE members above the grade of Student Member.

If you are interested, please go to <http://www.ieee.org/mentoring> for information on the roles and responsibilities of each mentoring partner, the program, as well as additional information on time and effort commitments. To access the online program site visit the IEEE Membership Benefits page listed under Core Benefits "New for 2006" <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/benefits/index.html>. This will take you to the online mentoring program site. We encourage you to take full advantage of the IEEE network of technical professionals and sign up for the online mentoring program today.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Downer, IEEE Mentor Program Coordinator, at c.downer@ieee.org

IEEE membership portal

We hope all Section members are taking advantage of the new IEEE Membership Portal. The IEEE History Center is supplying interesting content which will be featured on the main page. Visit it at <http://www.ieee.org/myieee>.

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