



German Chapter Visits SEW-EURODRIVE

The IEEE Joint IAS/PELS/IES German Chapter had kindly been invited by SEW-EURODRIVE to hold a chapter meeting in the private company's headquarters at Bruchsal in Germany on 4–5 March 2004. After a warm welcome by owner and general manager Rainer Blicke, several technical presentations and a well-organized tour through electronic and mechanical assembly lines permitted the 80 participants an impressive insight into technology, production, and application-specific final assembly of the company's proprietary EURODRIVES, which are decentralized drives for various applications in industry and transportation. The technical program was complemented by a scientific lecture about direct drives by Dr. Budig.

SEW also generously invited the participants to taste local food and wine from the amiable south-western German region Baden in a wine cellar. Many discussions between researchers from industry and uni-

versities during the evening showed that the subject, briefly addressed from the panel, of how to develop the proven German engineering education in the European context with respect to internationalization actually attracts considerable attention.

The presentation of the structure and research themes of the Nuremberg-based Engineering Center for Power Electronics (ECPE) built relationships and further networking opportunities with this newly founded organization. IEEE business has been used as platform to review the three chapter 2003 meetings as well as to give awards for outstanding contributions. More details about those past and the future meetings or about the chapter in general can be found at <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r8/germany/ias-pels>.



Chapter Chairman Magyar and Senior Past Chairman R. de Doncker of the Joint IAS/PELS/IES Chapter working on a 12-kg turkey during the social program of the chapter meeting at SEW, which had 80 participants.



R. Blicke addressing the audience.



Recipients of chapter awards Dr. Miller (Infineon AG, left), R. W. de Doncker (RWTH Aachen, with induction motor trophy), H. Mitlehner (SiCED GmbH), T. Tolle (Philips Research) and Award Chairman H. Späth (University of Karlsruhe, right).

IEEE Scores First Amendment Victory for Scholarly Publishing

The IEEE scored a victory for freedom of the press and the scholarly publishing community with the ruling it received in April from the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). The ruling exempts peer review, editing, and publication of scholarly manuscripts submitted to the IEEE by authors living in countries that are under U.S. trade embargoes, such as Iran and Cuba. OFAC determined that IEEE's publication process is "not constrained by OFAC's regulatory programs."

The government's decision confirms the position IEEE has argued for over a year that its entire publishing process falls outside the scope of OFAC's regulations because of the Berman Amendment to the trade sanctions law that excludes the free exchange of information from OFAC's economic embargoes.

The IEEE had earlier obtained a 30 September 2003 ruling from OFAC that exempted a large part of its editorial process but left uncertain whether it had to publish such papers "as is" or could edit such papers prior to final publication. This latest 2 April ruling clarifies the IEEE's full freedom to engage in scholarly peer review and style and copy editing of papers, all without OFAC regulation or licensing. The earlier 30 September ruling had also been limited to Iran, while the new ruling covers authors in Cuba, Libya, and Sudan as well as in Iran.

Here is IEEE President Arthur Winston's announcement:

Effective immediately, the IEEE is returning to its normal publishing process for all authors, which has always been the IEEE's goal.... Since last September's ruling, the IEEE had been only publishing articles from authors in embargoed countries that met its scholarly publishing standards "as is" without editing.

The ruling eliminates potentially disturbing U.S. government intrusions on our

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scholarly publishing process and reaffirms the position the IEEE has taken from the beginning that these publishing activities are protected by the First Amendment and exempt from the OFAC regulations.... This issue has been very difficult for IEEE members worldwide and of great concern to all the engineering, science and publishing communities, and we believe OFAC's new ruling will be a

relief for nearly everyone....

The IEEE invited the scholarly publishing industry and OFAC to an open meeting in February, and then OFAC met again with the IEEE in March.

In an official acknowledgement of the IEEE's persistent advocacy on these issues, Richard Newcomb, director of OFAC, wrote in the 2 April ruling,

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Again in 2005, the conference seeks to set up workshops for Monday afternoon, 28 March. Workshops should be of prominent interest to the appliance-engineering community and conducted by experts working for supplier companies, government bodies, consultants, or educational institutions in those specific fields. Workshops of particular interest are: industrial design for ergonomics, wireless technology, a short course on sensors and controls, nanotechnology and how it can be applied to the appliance industry, and miniaturization of fuel cells.

Anyone interested in presenting a technical paper or conducting a workshop at Conference 2005 should send

a 200-word abstract with working title to IATC at the address below. Please include your full address, phone, fax, and e-mail. Abstracts are due by 15 September 2004, and will be evaluated by the Paper Review Committee. Accepted papers will be due by 1 December 2004.

Space for exhibits will be available in the beautiful hotel ballroom for appliance industry suppliers to exhibit their components, materials, equipment, and services to the appliance engineering community. Exhibits cost US\$1,050 for a 10-ft-wide × 8-ft-deep booth. Booths come with 110-V electricity, a skirted table, two chairs, and carpeting. One booth attendant also receives a full conference registration, includ-

ed in this price. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact us at IATConference@aol.com for an exhibit information kit.

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We very much appreciate the approach taken by [the IEEE] to comply with federal law in this matter, and to work with us in good faith to arrive at a resolution of these issues.

In addition to confirming the IEEE's broad right to engage in the full range of normal and customary peer review, style and copy editing for scholarly publications, the new ruling also confirms the IEEE's rights to publish in both print and non-print media, to deliver its peer review comments or questions in any format, and to make both verbatim and idiomatic translations.

IEEE Xplore Release 1.7 Goes Live

The IEEE has launched IEEE Xplore Release 1.7. New features include the following:

- A full-text search prototype that enables the search of metadata fields and the associated full-text journal/transaction content from 1996 forward. This currently represents more than 10% of the content in the database. The remaining content will be included in the full-text search function by the end of the year.

- New reference links in more than 20 IEEE Computer Society journals, transactions, and magazines. About 7,500 "Abstract Plus" records have been updated to include these linked references, enabling users to link to other content in IEEE Xplore and to exter-

nal publisher sites via Cross-Ref. With this addition, reference linking is now available within most IEEE periodicals dating back to 1995 or 1996.

For more information, visit: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/ReleaseNotes.jsp>.

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