

IEEE REGION 3 AREA 9

REPORT TO REGION 3 EXCOM SEPTEMBER, 2005

The Jamaica Section continues to provide leadership in the area of electrical, electronics and computer engineering. The Section along with its two society chapters continue to organize interesting technical presentations and social activities which appeals to the interest of its members. A schedule of general meetings held for the year is shown in Table I. The EXCOM of the Section meets and plan activities for each upcoming monthly general meeting. In addition, the section sent three delegates to the Teacher In-service Training workshop which was held in Atlanta during August 2005. For more details, please visit the IEEE Jamaica Section Website at <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/jamaica>.

Accomplishment of Goals for 2005

At the beginning of the year, the goals established for the section were as follows:

1. Increasing the number of Senior Members by 3.
2. Meet with the Jamaica Government Minister with the responsibility for Technology, with the view of influencing technological decisions on behalf of the country.
3. Meet with the Jamaica Governor General.
4. Participate in the ACM/IEEE 8th International Conference on Model Driven Language And Systems (Formerly the UML Series of Conferences) to be held at the Half Moon Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica October 2-7, 2005
5. Hosting a Technological Seminar or Discussion Forum
6. Sending delegates to Section Congress
7. Sending delegates to SoutheastCon 2005 and PACE Activities

To date the section has accomplished only goal #7 but is well on the way to accomplishing goals #4 , 5 and #6. Goal 5 will be accomplished in October when the Teacher Inservice Training Programme will be delivered to a group of local teachers.

Student Branches:

Both student branches, The University of the West Indies and the University of Technology, Jamaica remains committed to the ideals of the IEEE. The UTech branch is actively preparing to compete in the student contests at SoutheastCon 2006.

Society Chapters

1. Communications Society Chapter (ComSoc)
This Society Chapter is holding its own. As seen in Table 1, this Society Chapter is integral in the presentation of technical information to the members of IEEE Jamaica Section.
2. Computer Society Chapter.
Although this Chapter is not as vibrant as ComSoc, it continues to provide leadership in the computer field in Jamaica. Table 1 displays the activities of this Society Chapter.

In conclusion, the Jamaica Section wishes to use this medium to express its deep heartfelt sorrow for the persons affected by Hurricane Katrina. Condolence to persons who have lost their relatives, friends and loved ones in this ordeal.

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TABLE I
Activities of the Jamaica Section (2005)

Month	Activities	Responsibility	Topic	Presenter
January	Retreat	Section, ComSoc, Computer Society	Goals and Objectives	ExCom
February	Annual Social	Section		
March	EXCOM/General Meeting,	Section /ComSoc	Unified Collaborative Communications for the Real-Time Enterprise	Mario Plata Managing Director, Cala Telecom Solutions
April	SoutheastCon2005	Section/Region 3		
May	General Meeting	Section/Computer Society	Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems	Mr. Carlos Lugardo Product Manager - Power Control,IEC Products for Central America, Caribbean & Ecuador
July	General Meeting	Section	Audio Power Amplifier Design	Mr. Vincent Hewitt Lecture University of Technology Department of Engineering
August	General Meeting	Section/ ComSoc	Wireless Data Networks	Mr. Patrick Williams Network Manager, Island Networks
September	General Meeting	Section/Computer Society	Voice Enabled Interactive Response Systems	Mr. David Riley Manager Director, IVS Jamaica Ltd