

## AREA 9 REPORT FOR JUNE 20, 2011, REGION 3 EXCOM

### **Introduction**

The Jamaica Section continues to be very active in 2011 following on the return from a very successful participation at SoutheastCon 2011. The Section has other major activities planned for the remainder of the year; details will follow in our next report.

### **Jamaica Section Activities**

On Thursday, May 12, 2011, The IEEE Communications Society (COMSOC) and the Jamaica Section participated in this year's Distinguished Lecture Series. The Lecture done by Prof. George N. Rouskas, Professor of Computer Science at North Carolina State University was held at the Virtual Physics Lab, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica and was entitled: Power - Aware and Computationally Efficient Optical Network Design.

The presentation at this month's Section meeting is entitled "E-learning: Customization of Moodle for UTech Requirements". This will be presented on June 22, at the UTech Faculty of Engineering by Dr Damith Wickramanayake & Michael McDermot.

### **PACE Activities**

Planning started for the PACE Activities for this year with a special meeting by the PACE Chair, Dr. Halden Morris on Monday June 13, 2011. The plans are still in their early stages but the Section is expected to have at least one workshop in October 2011. Logistics are still being worked out for the programme.

### **Student Activities**

The Student Branch of the University of Technology (UTech), Jamaica, remains committed to the ideals of the IEEE.

Mr. Vincent Hewitt the longest serving Student Branch Counselor in the IEEE Jamaica Section has indicated that he will not be continuing to serve in this capacity.

### **Education Society**

Last year the Jamaica Section started an Education Society and meetings were held jointly with the Section. It is anticipated this society will have regularly scheduled meetings this year.

### **Power Society**

The Section also started the process for creating a Power society in the later part of 2010. There has been a great deal of interest in this area and it is anticipated that this year it will be officially formed.

### **Consultancy Affinity Group - Jamaica**

The group was approved on December 30, 2010. Note that no activity was undertaken during the year except the workshop/seminar on Consultancy in October at which this group was formed. The financial activity for this event is reported through IEEE Jamaica Section.

### **Website - IEEE Jamaica Section**

Webmaster Milverton Moore continues to keep the website current and provides valuable information for the Jamaica Section and Region 3. Milverton is now spearheading the change from the current IEEE web template to the new web one. The IEEE Jamaica Section Website serves as our newsletter and the URL is as follows: <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/jamaica>.

### **Jamaica Section Bid Proposal for SoutheastCon 2015.**

Following Southeast Con 2011, the updated Bid Proposal for Southeast Con 2015 was submitted and reviewed by the Region 3. The Section is in the process of responding to the questions and requests for additional information by Region 3. A response will be provided by the Section and the required updates made to the proposal and then submitted to Region 3 Executives. James M. Conrad, PhD, PE, PMP, Associate Department Chair and Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, UNC-Charlotte, NC, [jmconrad@uncc.edu](mailto:jmconrad@uncc.edu), has agreed to serve as our "mentor".

### **E-Conference Meetings and Sections Congress 2011**

The IEEE Jamaica Section Chair and the Region 3 Area 9 Chair have joined Region 3 EXCOM – full participation in the E-Conference Meetings to date. Two representatives from the Section have registered for Sections Congress 2011.

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