

Area 9 Chair Report

To: Region 3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC

Subject: Region 3, Area 9 Chair Report

Date: 15 November 2021

Jamaica Section

Completed Activities:

- I. IEEE Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020
 - The Jamaica Section is partnered with the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE). Training was provided to the JSE participants via the IEEE Innovation Nation Platform.
 - The entrepreneurship competition culminated on January 28, 2021, with the pitch day and the judging of the four entries and the presentation Ceremony was held on April 7, 2021
- II. The Jamaica Section Planning Retreat was held on February 10, 2021
- III. Jamaica Section & Area 9 Chairs attended Region 3 Excom in March 2021
- IV. Jamaica Section WIE Affinity Group in collaboration with the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) launched their Webinar Series on April 14, 2021.
- V. Region 3 Newsletter articles were submitted and published in our June 2021 Newsletter.
- VI. Jamaica Section Chair, Ms. Erica Simmons was among the panelist for a Webinar on Ethics, Equality, & AI in the Caribbean, hosted by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs on Friday, June 18, 2021.
- VII. The WIE affinity group hosted the second in the IP Series on June 23, 2021. The discussion surrounds the “Process before making application for protection of IP.
- VIII. Desk Shields have been delivered to Denham Town High School on July 1, 2021 Handover ceremony held at Ministry of Education Youth & Information on Friday June 25, 2021
- IX. The Jamaica Section Computer & Communication Societies hosted a Technical Meeting on July 28, 2021
 - The Impact of Computing & Technology , during a Pandemic.
- X. The Jamaica Section, WIE affinity group hosted their Webinar Series #3 Topic: “Monetizing your IP to create a revenue stream” on IEEE Day October 05, 2021.
- XI. Comsoc Jamaica Chapter in collaboration with the New York Chapter hosted a Virtual Distinguished Lecture (VDL), “Connecting Space Assets to the Internet: Challenges and Solutions” by Dr. Mohammed Atiquzzaman on October 29, 2021.

Ongoing Activities:

Region 3, Pandemic Projects

- University of the West Indies Student Branch, Automated COVID-19 Temperature Sensor.

- Design & Implementation of Social Distancing Tracking System, Using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to Control the spread of COVID 19 at the University of Technology, Jamaica.
- Ongoing discussion is taking place with IEEE Learning Network (ILN) to launch pilot in Jamaica.