

20 November 2013

To: MGA Board; Region Director-Elects, Sections Congress Regional Coordinators

From: [Murty Polavarapu](#), Chair, Sections Congress 2014 Program Committee

RE: Call for Sections Congress 2014 Speakers

Dear Colleagues,

The Sections Congress 2014 (SC2014) Program Committee has finalized the tracks and breakout sessions for what promises to be a truly inspirational event to energize our local volunteer leadership. The breakout sessions, found on page 3 of this document, have been categorized into the following program tracks that are aligned with the MGA goals:

Enhance Member Satisfaction, Improve Volunteer Experience and Reach Globally with Local Touch.

The Program Committee needs your help in identifying well-qualified speakers for the breakout sessions. We would appreciate if you could disseminate this call in your organizational unit. Please ask the potential speakers to complete the attached nomination form and submit to sc-coordinator@ieee.org by 10 December 2013. The SC2014 Program Committee will strive to represent the diversity of our organization on the speaker roster and its decisions are final. The Sections Congress budget does not include funding for expenses for breakout sessions speakers but in most cases an IEEE Organizational Unit (i.e., Region, Section, IEEE Major Board, etc.) may be able to fund speaker attendance.

We look forward to receiving a robust response to this call for speakers and we truly appreciate your assistance in this effort!

Sincerely,

Murty S. Polavarapu
Chair, SC2014 Program Committee

IEEE Sections Congress Presenter Nomination Form

Each breakout session will be 1 hour and 15 minutes in length. Depending on the overall schedule, a breakout session may be offered more than one time. Each break-out session will consist of two or three speakers. If you have a preferred partner(s) that you would like to team with, please submit one nomination form for the team. The SC2014 Program Committee will make the final determination of the presenters for each breakout session.

First Name	
Last Name	
E-mail address	
Breakout Session Title	
Do you have funding to attend SC2014?	
Sponsoring Organization (if applicable)	
Have you presented this material at a previous IEEE event? If yes, please identify.	
Have you presented at a previous Sections Congress? If yes, please identify.	
Brief speaker bio (max 50 words)	

Track 1:

Enhance Member Satisfaction (Track Chair: Tania Quiel) – Titles subject to change

- Improve IEEE Engagement in Industry
- Engaging Students and Student Activities
- Embracing Young Professionals
- Engaging New Members (1st year member)
- Continuing Professional Education – IEEE-wide Opportunities
- Leveraging IEEE's Online Collaboration Tool
- Improvements in Career Resources for Members
- Engaging Prospective Members
- Member Grade Elevation and Member Recognition
- Engaging with the Practitioner

Track 2:

Improve Volunteer Experience (Track Chair: Sanjib Panda) – Titles subject to change

- Driving Section Vitality
- Viable Financial Models for Organizational Units
- Meeting member Technical Needs by Building Strong Chapters
- Increasing Visibility of Local Events
- Volunteer Onboarding, Training, Succession Planning and Recognition (Volunteer Life Cycle)
- Best Practices for Small & Mid-Size Sections
- Tips and Tricks for Getting Young Professionals to Volunteer
- Leadership Development for Volunteers

Track3:

Reach Globally with Local Touch (Track Chair: Elya Joffe) - Titles subject to change

- Humanitarian Efforts
- Ethics as a Global Concern
- Networking Skills-IEEE Member Professional Network
- Conducting Conferences – Here, There and Everywhere
- Partnering with Other Professional Societies
- Model Sections Around the World – Best Practices
- Getting Speakers for Your Section
- Importance of Standards for Industry Practitioners
- Local Engagement in K-12 Education (TISP, EPICS)