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First Austin Conference on Integrated Systems and Circuits will be held May 15-17, 2006. Abstract submissions are due 17 Feb. The conference website is: www.acisc.org

2006 World Congress on Information Technology Brings Legacy to Texas. The World Congress, which will be held in Texas May 1-5, 2006, will attract an estimated 2,000 global leaders from business, government and education to discuss IT policy, direct the future of technology, and drive social and economic development. http://www.wcit2006.org
Texas Regional Infrastructure Security Conference will be held in Houston, May 15-17. The conference website is www.trisc.org.


5. Presentation of Interest

"Valero's Response to Katrina" will be presented to a UTSA Management of Technology Class on Tuesday, May 2. The presentation would cover two aspects: one would be the technical and logistical response; the other would be their handling of their employees during and immediately after the storms hit. Valero got some very high marks for the way they looked after their employees during those disasters. Engineers are invited to attend, but must RSVP to 458-5782 or MOT@utsa.edu. The presentation will be at the Valero Corporate HQs. Networking begins at 5:30, and the presentation at 6:15.

LEGO MINDSTORMS Mania! NI and U-Texas College of Engineering will be hosting an end-of-school-year celebration highlighting K-12 students

4. Local Conferences

- First Austin Conference on Integrated Systems and Circuits
- World Congress on Information Technology
- Texas Regional Infrastructure Security Conference
- International Conference on Integrated Circuit Design and Technology
- 7th Annual IEEE-UT EMC 2006: The Role of Technology in our Economy
- IEEE Int'l Systems-on-Chip (SOC) Conference

41. Section Activities

Chairman's Column

The Region 5 Leadership meeting http://www.2006ieeer5conference.com/ who participated and in particular the faculty and Student Branch members run, well attended and will return a surplus to Central Texas Section.

There are lots of great opportunities to take advantage of in the next few months. The IEEE Power Engineering Society Transmission and Distribution Conference May 21-24. The 7th Annual IEEE-UT EMC 2006: The Role of Technology will be Aug 10-11, in Austin. Be sure to consult the Central Texas Section http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/. John Purvis does a great job keeping the membership. Please take the initiative to work with John to nominate your ordinary achievement.

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and skill to the Central Texas

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Chapter News

The Engineering Management Society wants to start a San Antonio affiliate group. Please contact Nils Smith.

The Power Engineering Society wants to start a San Antonio affiliate group. Please contact Rheuben Hair. There are meetings scheduled - see the PES section

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LEGO MINDSTORMS achievements and teachers passions for finding new ways to excite students about math, science and engineering. Please join them on Saturday, May 6 at the Texas Union (on the UT campus). It begins at 9am, and goes past noon. RSVP to mindstormmania@ni.com.

Professional Activities for 2006

Goals for all IEEE CTS Members
- Hold two Senior Member Upgrade events (San Antonio & Austin)
- Participate in local area college & public school function (science fair)
- Along with chapter technical meetings, provide occasional IEEE-USA needs.
- Organize a CTS Governmental Activities Committee (GAC) monitor the effort for CTS.
- Provide feedback and recommendations to IEEE-USA policy-setting needs.
- Continue to develop grassroots rapid response capabilities
- The GAC to brief Section’s leadership on committee activities at each meeting.
- Hold monthly conference calls to coordinate committee efforts.
- Create a simple Section feedback form.
- Add links to the CARE and Committee webpages to the Section webpage.

If you have interest in any of the above areas, please contact Scott Atkinson.

Welcome to the Vlogosphere

Video blogs, or vlogs, are putting the "me" in media, and radically transforming the way we receive and send visual content. With distribution decentralized by advances in file-transfer technology, you can be the audience or the producer. Is this a good thing? Find out at http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2607/00757617

For an example, check out the latest IEEE Spectrum vlog at http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2608/00757617

NEED CEUs? The University of Texas at Austin offers a wide array of continuing education opportunities geared towards Texas engineers. All of the training awards continue for their annual renewal. We will continue to require 1.5 CEUs – including at least 90 minutes of engineering content. To find out more information, visit www.UTclee.org.

Upcoming opportunities include:
- Management of Software Project Teams (online or onsite) • May 8 – 10
- Engineering Ethics • June 1, 2006
- Power Quality and Harmonics • May 31 – June 2, 2006
- Fundamentals of Electric Power Systems • June 5-8, 2006
- Foundations of Software Project Management (onsite or online) • June 12-16
- IEEE-UT’s 7th Annual Engineering Management Conference • August 21-25, 2006
- Advanced Wastewater Pollution Control • August 21-25, 2006
- Software Project Management Certificate Program (online or onsite)

UT Engineering Management Master’s Degree Program for Working Professionals is currently being accepted for the fall start of the Engineering Management Program. UT’s special scheduling option enables professionals to maintain attending classes one weekend a month (8:00am - 5:00pm Friday and Saturday). More information at: www.executivemasters.org.
2. Chapter Activities

Multiple Chapters

Joint Circuits and Systems/Solid-State Circuits (New Chapter!)

Topic or Presentation Title: 
Speaker: 
Date and Time: 
Cost: 
Reservations: 
Meeting Location: Pok-e-Jos on 5th Street in Austin.
Directions: 

Subsequent meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30p.m.

For further information, contact Mike Seningen at seningen@ieee.org

Computer Society - Austin [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title: "Mother Nature's Laws of Business"

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 6:30pm
Cost: Free, but please bring a friend or colleague who has never attended!
Reservations: None required
Meeting Location/Directions: National Instruments, 11500 North MoPac, TX 78759

See http://austin-cs.org/ for detailed directions and for last minute information.

Computer Society - San Antonio [for more information]
**Topic or Presentation Title:** Summer Break  
**Speaker:**  
**Date and Time:** September 2006  
6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 7:20-7:45 p.m. - Show  
**Cost:**  
**Reservations:**  
**Meeting Location:**  
**Directions:** Please note that we have parking instructions on the Web site. reserved for Alamo Stadium Event parking. Please check out the instructions for the parking by Laurie Auditorium.

More information on the program is available at our Web site http://www.ieee.org/meeting_details.htm

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**Topic or Presentation Title:** "Reclaim Your Time!"  
**Speaker:** Maura Nevel Thomas  
**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 11, 2006  
Networking at 6:00 pm, Business and program from 7:00 pm to 8:30  
**Cost:**  
**Reservations:**  
**Meeting Location:** China Star Restaurant, 6134 Hwy 290 E, Austin TX  
(North side of 290E, east of IH 35)  
**Directions:** Learn a few of the secrets of peak personal productivity. Professionals today faster and have more communication, responsibilities, and commitments the day, but get very little of the important stuff done. Ideas to be presented can productive time per day.  
**Speaker:** Maura Nevel Thomas earned her M.B.A. at the University of M: Avenue Management Services (www.burgetave.com) in 2003 to help entre owners. She has worked over 10 years in the productivity training industry how to efficiently and effectively get things done.  
The consultants' web directory has been updated. The directory is to be fou http://www.alesu.com/xltrp/ieeecons/listzero.htm

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**Topic or Presentation Title:** "Evaluating and Improving Radiated Immunity"  
**Speaker:** Mr. John Osburn, Technical Lead for JSF, Electromagnetic Environ: Martin Aeronautics - Marietta, Ft. Worth, Texas  
**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 18, 6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM program  
**Cost:**  
**Reservations:**  
**Meeting Location:** Dell Computer, Bldg. PS-4, Victoria Conference Room  
**Directions:** For a summary of Mr. Osburn's program and directions to the meeting plac IEEE EMC Symposium Coming Back to Austin!

For the first time since 1997, the IEEE EMC Symposium will be returning Central Texas EMC Society was recently awarded the 2009 Symposium at
Putting on another great event. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact information.

Electron Devices Society [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** "Surface Preparation Techniques Used for Adhesion Improvement''
**Speaker:** Joel Barnett, Senior Member of Technical Staff, SEMATECH
**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 25 at 6pm
**Cost:**
**Reservations:**
**Meeting Location:** Room FC, Ground floor, SEMATECH 2706 Montopolis Dr., Austin, TX 78741
**Directions:** [http://www.sematech.org/corporate/map.htm](http://www.sematech.org/corporate/map.htm)

Engineering in Medicine and Biology [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** Summer Break
**Speaker:**
**Date and Time:** September, 2006 6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - Program
**Cost:** $10 members/ free for students/$15 non-members
**Reservations:** RSVP to Garrett Polhamus
**Meeting Location:**
**Directions:**
For further information, please contact Dawn Roberson, 210-458-5520, roberson@IEEE.org

Engineering Management [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** "Requirements Management with Use Cases as the Theory of Value''
**Speaker:** James Rivera
**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 5:30pm
**Cost:** $15 at the door, includes dinner
**Reservations:** Leslie Martinich, lmartinich@IEEE.org
**Meeting Location:** El Gallo Restaurant, 2910 S. Congress Ave.

Join us for dinner and a discussion led by James Rivera of how to gain common understanding with the stakeholder to ensure project success.

According to RUP (Rational Unified Process), "A use case describes a sequence of actions that performs that yields an observable result of value to a particular actor." Use cases without a keen understanding of your customer's meaning of value even the best requirements gathering will fail to deliver on their promise. The meaning of value and developing the stakeholder can be the most challenging part of the requirements gathering process, the stakeholder must be achieved before the requirements gathering process term which encompasses all the theories within economics that explain the River's Theory of Value as it relates to the requirements gathering. Rivera will discuss the "Theory of Value" as it relates to the requirements gathering to gain an common understanding with the stakeholder to ensure project success.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE!!
Join us for the 7th Annual IEEE UT Engineering Management Conference Technology in Our Economy,” at the Austin Marriott South. Earn 1.5 CEU days to satisfy PE continuing education requirements while you participate latest developments in engineering and technology. Make plans to attend as co-sponsored by the IEEE Central Texas Section and the University of T Engineering Education.


For information regarding chapter activities (and those wanting to volunteer) (leslie@competitivefocus.com) (512-423-5121).

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**Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)**

**Topic or Presentation Title:**
**Speaker:**
**Date and Time:**
**Cost:**
**Reservations:** Kristi Hummel, khummel@ieee.org
**Meeting Location:**
**Directions:**
Please send an email to Kristi Hummel khummel@ieee.org if you plan to attend.

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**Laser and Electro Optics Society**

**Topic or Presentation Title:**
**Speaker:**
**Date and Time:**
**Cost:**
**Reservations:**
**Meeting Location:**
**Directions:**
For more information, contact Ray Chen raychen@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

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**Power Engineering Society**  [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:**  *Fire Stopping*
**Speaker:** Mario Hernandez, 3M Corp
**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 23
  - 6:00pm Social
  - 6:30-7:00 Dinner
  - 7:00-7:30 Business Meeting
  - 7:30-8:30 Program
**Cost:** Dinner is $10.00 – IEEE Members
  - $12.00 – Non-IEEE Members
  - Free for students.
**Reservations:** RSVP to Rheuben Hair at (512) 477-6937 ext 303 or go to http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/centraltexas/index.htm.
**Meeting Location:** El Gallo Mexican Restaurant at 2910 S Congress
Directions:

Exciting 2006 Schedule:
June 27: Reactive Power: Billing and Costs
July 25: Ethics Class - CW Clark, Texas PE Board
August 22: LCRA River Monitoring System
Sept 26: Anatomy of an Accident: How Lack of Documentation Will Cause TXDOT
October 24: Black Start: Recovery of Grid After Emergency Operations
November: Alcoa Plant Tour

For further information, please contact Susan Thompson or Roy Matthews

Power Engineering Society - San Antonio [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title: Spread Spectrum Automated Meter Reading
Speaker: Mike Fournier with ACT
Date and Time: Thursday, May 25
6:00pm Social
6:30-7:00 Dinner
7:00-7:30 Business Meeting
7:30-8:30 Program
Cost: Dinner from the menu
Reservations: Please contact Steve L. Kanetzky, P.E. @ 512-326-3380, or
For more information go to our web site at http://ewh.ieee.org
Meeting Location: Spaghetti Warehouse, 1226 E. Houston (see below), San Antonio
Directions:

Exciting 2006 Schedule:
June 22 - TBD
July 27 - Engineering Ethics, CW Clark with TBPE
Aug 24 - South Padre Island Bridge Collapse Detection System, James Me
Sept 28 - Chuck Barry, Toshiba
Oct 26 - TBD
Nov - Tour
Dec - no meeting - Merry Christmas

Product Safety Engineering Society [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title: "Surviving a Factory Inspection"
Speaker: TUV - North America
Date and Time: Tuesday, May 16, 6:30pm
Cost: None
Reservations: None
Meeting Location: Dell, Parmer Campus, Parmer South Building 4, Victoria
Directions: Call Dale Ritzen (512) 651-5338 for details and directions.

Exciting future meetings:
June 20: ESD vs. Product Safety - Are they really two worlds apart?, Tim
July 18: Movie Night at Alamo Drafthouse (Social)
August 15: Job Resources in the Austin/Central Texas Area, Kathy Lansfo
September 19: A Review of the Underwriter's Laboratories Amusement and UL22, David Ball of Multimedia Games, Inc.
October 17: Equipment Safety in Hazardous Locations. Jim Dolinhin
We encourage you, others in your organization, or other interested parties to month. The PSES meets every month on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm, except in November/December. A combined monthly meeting is h members and guests to enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For PSES, please contact Dale Ritzen at (512) 651-5338.

Chapter Chair: Daniece Carpenter (daniece_carpenter@dell.com).

**Joint Signal Processing/Communications Society [for more information]**

**Topic or Presentation Title:** "Research activities at Internet2 Technology E on campus of Texas A&M University"

**Speaker:** Walt Magnussen Ph.D.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 18, Networking at 6:30 pm, Business and p

**Cost:** Free

**Reservations:** E-mail to Steve Crowl [stevenc@admin.stedwards.edu]

**Meeting Location:** AT&T (formerly SBC) Labs - 9505 Arboretum Blvd, A

**Directions:** AT&T Labs is located at 9505 Arboretum Blvd. in Austin, TX approximately 1/8 mile West of Loop 360.

**Abstract:** Presentation of VoIP and SIP research activities currently being Evaluation Center [ITEC] on the campus of Texas A&M University in Col

**Speaker Bio:** Walt Magnussen is the Director of Telecommunications for the Director for the VoIP Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC). group for Internet2, is on the SIP Foundry Board of Directors, and is the C for ACUTA. He has his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the Univers from Texas A&M

**Women in Engineering [for more information]**

**Topic or Presentation Title:**

**Speaker:**

**Date and Time:** Tues., 2006,

**Cost:** N/C

**Reservations:**

**Meeting Location:** National Instruments, 11500 N. MoPac, Bldg. C, Room

Women in Engineering has been an Affinity Group of the Central Texas St Activities have been until now, Austin-based, with programs, events and m Austin area. We are delighted to announce that WIE is now expanding act Mercy Luhanga, Yu Zhang and Dawnlee Roberson are leading the effort Antonio and have an exciting Spring planned! We look forward to establis San Antonio and evolving to two active groups. The San Antonio group h February 16 with the Computer Society-SA and Engineering in Medicine a University's Skyline Room, and more fun meetings planned for the Spring.

Additional details are posted on the WIE website at http://ewh.ieee.org/r5/c
Editor's Notes

The goal of this newsletter is to provide the more than 6500 members of the meaningful information. We welcome contributions and suggestions that you contact the editor, Dawn Roberson at robersondj@ieee.org if you have any deadline for submission is the 25th of the month.

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IEEE Foundation Announces 2006 Applications

The IEEE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the IEEE, will accept unsolicited innovative projects that seek to improve the worldwide technological literacy through adulthood in three cycles in 2006. Projects should:
1. Improve primary and secondary math and science learning,
2. Prepare pre-university students to consider engineering as a career path,
3. Increase active interest in engineering and science,
4. Preserve the history of IEEE associated technologies,
5. Tap the technological expertise of IEEE members,

Application deadlines:
Applications Due: IEEE Foundation Meeting Date
January 7, 2006: March 2006
April 15, 2006: June 2006
September 16, 2006: November 2006

To learn more about the IEEE Foundation’s grant guidelines, and to submit the web at www.ieeefoundation.org.
IEEE-USA Committee Serves as Resource for Entrepreneurs; Launches Specialized Web Site

A new committee created to deliver knowledge, experience and support to businesses has been created by IEEE-USA. The committee is launching a "IEEE-USA Entrepreneurs' Village," that is designed to provide both new businesses they need to foster innovation and growth. According to IEEE-USA Entrepreneurship (EAC) Co-Chairman Mauro Togneri, 85 percent of all innovation comes from small businesses. For more information, visit the "Village" at http://boldfish.ieee.org.

PBS Seeks Engineer Co-Host for "Design Squad" Reality TV Program

WGBH Boston is seeking two co-hosts for "Design Squad," the working title for a new reality TV program aimed at 9- to 12-year-olds, which will begin shooting this fall. The program, two teams of real-life high-school youngsters (not actors) compete to design, construct and test functional, whimsical machines. The engineer degree or basic engineering education; a "natural and spontaneous nature"; learning/teaching environment with teens, as well as in front of a camera. For more information, visit the "Village" at http://boldfish.ieee.org.

Two New IEEE Journals Premier Online

The first issues of "IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine" and "IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security" have been published and are now available online. Computational intelligence is defined as a multi-faceted discipline of design, theory, development, and application of biologically and linguistically inspired models. The first issue of "IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine" includes a special section on Computation and Evolvable Hardware. "IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security" will cover related fields such as digital rights management, content identification, surveillance, networking, law enforcement, and legal and ethical issues. Abstracts for all papers in these issues can be found in the IEEE Xplore Digital Library. You can access the full text of the articles:


"IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine"  <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/tocresult.jsp?isnumber=33588>

Ready to Learn With Online Tutorials

The problem: you have to get up to speed quickly on, say, the python programming language; or another subject. The solution: there are a number of good online tutorials available. For example, you can learn basic linear algebra online. You may find a variety of topics at the following sites:

1. Khan Academy: offers comprehensive course materials, video lectures, and interactive problems in a variety of subjects, including mathematics, science, and computer programming.
2. Codecademy: provides interactive coding courses in Python, JavaScript, and other programming languages.
3. Udacity: offers free online courses in a variety of subjects, including artificial intelligence, data science, and computer science.
4. Coursera: provides access to online courses from top universities and institutions around the world, in areas such as computer science, data science, and artificial intelligence.


IEEE-USA is seeking contributions to promote public awareness of engineering education. More information is available at http://boldfish.ieee.org.
The problem: you have to get up to speed quickly, say, the Python progr.

start with the new ReadyNotes online tutorials from the IEEE Computer Sc.
far, and the one-stop guides provide practical nuts-and-bolts instruction across
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http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2598/00757617

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Engineers have a unique opportunity to shift H-1Bs.

For the first time in years, Congress is debating the role of guest worker prc
our economy. While most of this debate focuses on low-skill workers, high
discussed. This gives engineers a better opportunity to highlight our concer
years.

To capitalize on this situation, IEEE-USA is asking all US members who a
program to come to Washington to express those concerns with Congress f
IEEE-USA is inviting all US members of IEEE to join us for our third-ann
will focus on the H-1B program and the permanent immigration system for
event can be found here: http://www.ieeeusa.org/policy/flyin/career/default
The U.S. Senate began debating a major immigration bill containing an expiring week, and is expected to vote on the bill at the end of the month. The House immigration bill and it does not contain an H-1B provision. The two bills will give us our best chance to fix the program.

If you are unable to travel to DC, but are still concerned about the H-1B visa, meeting with your Legislators in their home district.

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to send this to any other IEEE members interested.

Nominations for IEEE Awards

Recognizing Outstanding IEEE Volunteers

You can help recognize the efforts of outstanding volunteers by nominating them for prestigious Regional Activities Board (RAB) awards. Each prestigious award is given to someone who has made substantial Regional contributions to IEEE and its members in support of its goals. The award criteria, and offers the opportunity to honor distinguished colleagues, inspiring.

Do you know someone who has made substantial Regional contributions to IEEE? Nominate them for one of the following awards:

* RAB Achievement Award
* RAB GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Achievement Award
* RAB Innovation Award
* RAB Leadership Award
* RAB Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award

The deadline for nominations is 15 October 2006. More information and nomination form is available at the RAB Awards Website: http://www.ieee.org/rabawards. Questions can be sent to ra-admin@ieee.org.

Awarding Non-IEEE Entities That Support IEEE Units

The Friend of IEEE Regional Activities Award was created specifically to recognize the efforts of non-IEEE entities that support IEEE and its members in support of its goals by firms, divisions of firms or through donations. The award criteria, and offers the opportunity to honor distinguished colleagues, inspiring.

Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year. The nomination form is available at the RAB Awards Website: http://www.ieee.org/rabawards. Questions can be sent to ra-admin@ieee.org.

Call For Nominations, IEEE-SA Standards Board and Committees:

The Nominations and Appointments Committee (N&A) of the IEEE-SA Board is responsible for:

1. Encouraging and coordinating the development of IEEE standards.
b) Reviewing all proposed IEEE standards to determine whether the proposed requirements established by the IEEE-SA Standards Board and whether confirmation of the approved standards.

If you would like to be considered for the 2007 IEEE-SA Standards Board please note the rules that apply to any potential candidate, and forward a break information to Rona Gertz at the address provided.

THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS 30 JUNE 2006

The slate of candidates will be forwarded to the IEEE-SA Board of Governors Appointments Committee for their review by October 2006, with a final decision December 2006 meeting. The rules and description for these IEEE-SA Standards Board found at the following website: <http://standards.ieee.org/board/positionsdescription>. Description in light of the basic functions, specific responsibilities, and account requires. If you have any questions, CONTACT Rona Gertz - IEEE Standards Board.

IEEE PANEL OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

An IEEE Panel of Conference Organizers (POCO) will be convened 21-22 June 2006, Canada. A detailed announcement will soon follow.

The objectives of POCO are to provide:

- a holistic conference education (from conference planning basics to an overview of conference business and internal procedures) to all levels of conference organizers (first Conference Committee members)

- a collaborative environment that facilitates networking, information sharing of IEEE conference organizer, volunteer and staff positions

Travel and lodging will be paid by the attendees' IEEE Organizational Unit Conferences or Region Conference Coordinator for additional details. We room and meeting space needs. To assist us in planning appropriately, if you have any questions, CONTACT Samantha H. Padilla - IEEE Conference Services - telephone "MailTo:s.padilla@ieee.org".

IEEE membership portal

We hope all Section members are taking advantage of the new IEEE Member Center is supplying interesting content which will be featured on the main page at http://www.ieee.org/myieee.

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