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Human flu / bird flu / swine flu / fish flu / lemon flu

University of Western Macedonia, Greece

Greece Section takes its Student Branch tally to nine

A NINTH Student Branch has recently been established in the Greece Section. It was set up under the Department of Informatics & Telecommunications, University of Western Macedonia.

The Interim Chair is Peter Sideris and Counselor is George Papadopoulos with 22 student members.

The setup of the branch was inspired and given all the necessary guidance by Niovi Pavlidou, who is serving as VTS & AESS Greece Joint Chapter Chair and Membership Development in Greece Section.

For more information, visit *http://ieee.uowm.gr* or email *ieeesb@uowm.gr*.

George Papadopoulos
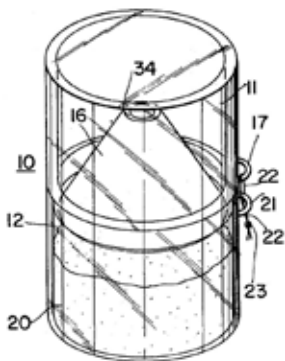*Counselor, UoWM SB*

The Puzzler

What is it?

Can you identify what the patent diagram below is supposed to represent?

Here's a hint: it can be made of plastic.

And another: it is mechanical, not electric.

Turn to page 11 for the answer...

UNED, Spain

Joint meeting of SB and Education Society

ON DECEMBER 10, in connection with the renewal of its committee, UNED SB organized a joint meeting with the Education Society Spain Chapter. The President of the chapter, Inmaculada Plaza, explained the activities planned for 2011 with special emphasis on the IEEE's TISP Project. It also presented to make the next Congress and invited everyone to participate in the next FINTDI 2011.

It was followed by the General Meeting of the UNED SB with the new committee elected for the first time using IEEE vTools Election System. German Carro was elected as the new Chair, who explained his plan for 2011. Finally, Albert Prieto, the new Vice-Chair, gave a talk on a robotic hand prosthesis. For more information go to *www.ieee-uned.org*.

German Carro Fernandez
UNED SB Chair

Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon marks IEEE Day with STEP event

THE INSTITUTO Superior Técnico (IST) Student Branch decided to celebrate the IEEE Day by organising the first STEP event in Portugal with around 30 students.

The first speaker, Duarte Correia from EFACEC, talked about the beginning of his carrier and the difficulties of transitioning from school to work. He also noted the importance of extra-curricular activities for the development of soft skills. The second speaker, João Figueiras, an IST alumni and at the time Region 8 GOLD Coordinator, presented the GOLD program and explained how being an IEEE volunteer helped him get a job.

Other activities also took place throughout the day, including a Spaghetti building contest and a presentation on IEEE by Rui Cruz, the Portugal Section Chair.

Looking for the conferences?

We no longer advertise the Region 8 conferences at the end of the news letter.

This decision was taken partly because it has not always been easy for us to verify and select conferences that were organized and supported by IEEE. However, our main reasoning is that detail on IEEE conference and events information can already be obtained from the Conference and Events section of the main IEEE website (*www.ieee.org/conferences_events*). At the site, members can filter conferences by date, region and country.

Instead of providing a duplicated service, we decided to advertise only the Region 8-supported key conferences, such as Eurocon 2011 and Africon 2011.

Furthermore, the extra space can be dedicated to report more member activities, useful information and editorial submissions. We will keep promoting the link to the online calendar system and hope that you will benefit from this change.

Zhijia Huang
Editor Region 8 News

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Johannesburg hosts visiting lecture by Moshe Kam

IN SEPTEMBER 2010, the IEEE Student Branch at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, in partnership with the IEEE South Africa Section, hosted a guest lecture by 2010 IEEE President-Elect Moshe Kam. The topic was the Decision Integration and Robot Navigation Research at Drexel University's Data Fusion Laboratory.

The event was well attended by students and faculty as well as members of the IEEE South Africa Section.

Andrew Paverd
2010 Chair, Student Branch