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The IEEE-USA 2012 Annual Meeting will be held 3-6 May in Cincinnati, OH.

Congressional Visits Day is scheduled for 24-25 April, 2012.

A 6 June Workshop on STEM will consider Measures for Innovation and Competitiveness. It will be held at the AAAS Auditorium, Washington, DC.

The IEEE-USA Committee on Transportation and Aerospace Policy (CTAP), at its 30 November meeting, considered possible actions in support of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). A hearing is scheduled for 6 December. Costs have ballooned, but are now capped at \$8 billion for a 2018 launch. The funding for 2012 is set at \$530 million. There is concern that more of the funding will go for program planning and management than for R&D. The Committee is drafting a letter to Congress in support of the JWST, for the scientific knowledge that can be gained from it.

The IEEE International Electric Vehicle Conference is scheduled for 4-8 March at Clemson University. The Call for Papers has been issued. <http://electricvehicle.ieee.org/cfp.html>

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