

[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3] AREA 9 REPORT: OCTOBER 21, 2020

Area 9 Chair's Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

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Date: 19 October 2020

The Section's scheduled ExCom meeting for October 07, 2020 was held.

Director Gostin and Representatives from the Election Oversight Commission (EOC) met with the Jamaica Section ExCom on 24th September 6.00 PM EST using WebEX . This meeting was called by Director Gostin to iron out issues with the upcoming Section elections. The Section Elections process and procedures were shared with the Section ExCom and Nomination Committee Members. A Proctor is now assigned to the Jamaica Section to guide the upcoming election process.

Update on Activities:

1. New Event – Jamaica Section

IEEE Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020

The Jamaica Section's new event has been launched. Sponsorship packages have been sent to several local organizations inviting them to partner with the Jamaica Section.

2. IEEE DAY 2020

- **WIE** –Virtual Event – Information Session with the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) was held on IEEE Day October 06, 2020. The event was titled ***“What is Intellectual Property and How to Protect in Jamaica”*** where Lillyclaire Bellamy, Attorney –at-Law and Executive Director of JIPO was the Key Presenter. The event was highly supported by R3 Members, with Director Gostin providing an overview of IEEE and the History of IEEE Day. The R3, Section Support Committee (SSC) also highly supported the event.
- **Membership Development Drive:**
 - The IEEE Day Promotion of USD 30 discount to IEEE new Professional Membership was sent out to local organizations and their employees. We have received few queries about the promotion form the local organization. The MD Chair will follow up with local organizations.
 - eNotice was sent to “ local Inactive Members” to reactivate to receive an IEEE Membership Pin. (Limited to 75 Pins). The response so far has been positive. We have a few inactive members who have reinstated their membership from the eNotice they have received from the MD Chair.

- The Jamaica Section received a congratulatory letter from Andrejs Romanovs, Chair, IEEE Membership Recruitment and Recovery Committee, congratulating the Section on meeting its recruitment goals for 2020. The letter was shared with the Section's ExCom and will be shared with the general Section Members later.

- **Technical Sessions Held**

Virtual Sessions were set up as Section events include:

1. **Virtual Distinguished Lecture : From Cognition To Intelligence In Communications Networks** by Octavia A. Dobre who is a Professor and Research Chair at Memorial University, Canada – Sept 28, 2020.
2. **IEEE ComSoc** : Virtual Distinguished Lecture: "Beyond 5G Wireless: "A Look Towards 2030". Presenter: Professor Octavia A. Dobre. Sept 30, 2020.
3. Special Webinar - Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame. This Special Webinar featured Glenn Zorpette, Executive Editor of IEEE Spectrum. Glenn Zorpette *spoke on the 50 Greatest Gadgets of the Past 50 Years,*" and the little-known dramas behind those inventions – October 08, 2020.
4. Virtual Distinguished Lecture: "Next Generation Mobile Networks With 5g" presented by Dr. Ashutosh Dutta, Senior Wireless Communication Systems Research Scientist at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Labs (JHU/APL). October 14, 2020.
5. Technical meeting: Topic: "IEEE Publication" Presenter: Dr. Hulya Kirkici, 2019 IEEE Vice President – Publications.

Pending Item

The Section awaits confirmation/details on help requested from **Region, Member Communication Committee**, on whether or not the Jamaica Section could be facilitated with a website training session of the Volunteers. It is anticipated that the training will serve as a refreshers training session and also to develop a pool of potential volunteers to serve in this area.

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