

The 100th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting

Madrid, Spain 20-21 April 2013

IEEE Italy Section Report

1. Highlights from the past

- Conference EnergyCon2012 Florence, 9-12 September financially co-sponsored
- Workshop HistelCon 2012 Pavia, 5-7 September financially co-sponsored
- Workshop "Environmental, Energy, and Structural Monitoring Systems" (EESMS 2012) Perugia, 28 September – financially co-sponsored
- Workshop "Biometric Measurements and Systems for Security and Medical Applications" (BioMS 2012) Salerno 14 September – financially co-sponsored
- Annual Meeting of SIDRA (Società Italiana die Ricercatori in Automazione), 2012, Benevento, 12-14 September technically co-sponsored
- Annual Meeting of SIEM (Società Italiana di elettromagnetismo), 2012 Rome, 10-14 September technically cosponsored
- Workshop on: "Photovoltaics: technologies, installation techniques and market", Mondello (PA), 15 October 2012technically co-sponsored

2. Future activities

- Workshop "Environmental, Energy, and Structural Monitoring Systems" (EESMS 2013) Trento, 11-12 September
 – financially co-sponsored
- Workshop "Biometric Measurements and Systems for Security and Medical Applications" (BioMS 2013) Napoli 10 September – financially co-sponsored
- Annual Conference AEIT "Innovation, Scientific and Technical Culture for development" 2013, Mondello (PA), 3-5
 October Technically cosponsored by the IEEE Italy Section (AEIT is a sister society)
- Annual Meeting of SIDRA (Società Italiana die Ricercatori in Automazione), 2013, September technically cosponsored
- Annual Meeting of SIEM (Società Italiana di elettromagnetismo), 2013 September technically co-sponsored
- Annual Meeting of GMEE (Gruppo Misure Elettriche ed Elettroniche), 2013, Trento, 9-11 September technically co-sponsored
- IEEE SPS chapter Summer school
- Petition for a Sensor Council Chapter in Italy
- Establish relationship with the major technical organization operating in Italy in the IEEE fields of interest, to better serve the stakeholders and improve the visibility IEEE at large
- Improve communications with members (website, newsletter)

3. Best practices

- Very good support to conference and technical event organizers in terms of bank accounts etc.
- Relationship with some key national technical organizations operating in the IEEE fields of interest

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- serious concerns regarding the proposal of the IEEE HQ about a possible new structure of Sections. It was
 discussed in the last meeting of the IEEE Italy Section ExCo; Disagreement was unanimously expressed by the the
 ExCo mainly because:
 - the IEEE Italy Section is an Association that needs to comply with Italian Law
 - to operate in Italy we have to respect Italian financial Law, which is very strict and difficult to manage from abroad.
- one more concern is about the new tool for reporting the financial activity (NetSuite). This tool is very complex and not yet well defined. Thus it required a lot of effort by the Section Treasure.

5. Miscellaneous

- new Chapter Officers:
 - Italy Section PES chapter: chair Dario Lucarella
 - Italy Section Photonics chapter: chair Stefano Selleri

• new SB Chairs:

- SB University of Pavia: Stefano Moscato
- SB University of Lecce: Federica Cucco

awards

- Chapter IEEE-RAS winner of the "Chapter of the year award", 2013
- SB University of Lecce winner of the "IEEE day photo contest" 2012



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other Initiatives:

- IEEE Italy Section summer school on Career boosting
- Ongoing new officers election process through vtools
- IEEE Italy Section newsletter
- National Society Agreements
 - sign collaboration agreements with national societies operating within the IEEE fields of interest