

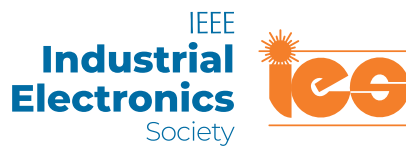


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Recognition and Growth

As we move into the second half of 2021, it is looking more and more like it will be 2022 before we see our lives return to something similar to what they were before the pandemic. In my previous “Message From the President” column I expressed that I was hopeful to see many of you in October at our flagship 47th Annual Conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IECON), in Toronto, but we just made the decision to move IECON 2021 to a virtual conference this year. Despite having to hold our meetings virtually, the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IES) remains active and strong.

Along the lines of a strong Society, the IES has a long-standing tradition of recognizing members who have exhibited extraordinary service and leadership through their membership statuses. Due to a variety of reasons, the Society had put a hold on recognizing any new Senior and Life Members



for the past several years. Through the forward-looking actions of the IES Administrative Committee (AdCom), we will resume recognizing members who have exhibited extraordinary service and leadership. There will be more to come about this wonderful opportunity. The AdCom has also recognized our Society’s need to establish and enhance links between the IES and industry. At its June meeting, the AdCom modified the IES Bylaws to add a vice president for Industrial Activities. This officer will oversee and coordinate industry-focused activities across

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the IES. I am excited to have him or her help grow the Society’s industry participation.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank the following members for their service to our publications:

- Emil Levi (Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom), for his reappointment to a second three-year term as editor-in-chief of *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics*
- Eric Monmasson (CY Cergy Paris University, France), for his appointment to a three-year term as editor-in-chief of *IEEE Industrial Electronics Magazine*
- Gerhard Hanke Sr. (University of Pretoria, South Africa), for his reappointment to a two-year term as co-editor-in-chief of *IEEE Transaction on Industrial Informatics*
- QingLong Han (Swinburne University of Technology, Australia), for his appointment to a three-year term as co-editor-in-chief of *IEEE Transaction on Industrial Informatics*.

As the IES continues to grow, we are always looking for new people to fill roles within the Society. If you would like to become involved, please send me an email at t.martin@ieee.org, and I will be more than happy to help you find a place.

