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Around the IEEE-VTS

The IEEE Board of Directors approved the following IEEE Vehicular Technology Society (VTS) members for elevation to an IEEE Fellow. The IEEE grade of Fellow is conferred by the board of directors upon a person with an extraordinary record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest. The total number selected in any one year does not exceed one tenth of 1% of the total voting institute membership. Congratulations to all our new Fellows and best wishes for a continued success.

New IEEE Fellows

- Guohong Cao
- Keith Chugg
- Dan Hammerstrom
- Robert Heath
- Kiho Kim
- Thomas Kolze
- Kwang Bok Lee
- Jae Hong Lee
- Ying-Chang Liang
- Yasutaka Ogawa
- Chinthananda Tellambura
- Li-Chun Wang
- Guoliang Xue
- Yu-Dong Yao

New Local VTS Chapter

The Maldives VTS Chapter has been formed. The effective date for this Chapter formation is 13 August 2010. Dr. Khine Thaug from the Maldives College of Higher Education directs the Chapter. The IEEE-VTS is pleased to welcome this new Region 10 Chapter.

New IEEE-VTS E-Newsletter

The IEEE-VTS announces our VTS electronic newsletter, a new membership

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benefit included in your 2011 IEEE-VTS membership. This periodically published electronic newsletter is part of the IEEE-VTS 2011 campaign to improve communication with our members. Each IEEE-VTS member will receive this newsletter via e-mail address provided with your 2011 VTS membership. Please feel free to send me your comments about the newsletter.

Call for IEEE-VTS Chapters

The IEEE-VTS is looking to sponsor new local and student Chapters. Interested parties should contact Dr. Fabrice Lebeau (fabrice.lebeau@mcgill.ca), our 2011 Chapter coordinator.

New VTS Senior Members (August 2010–November 2010)

On behalf of VTS, I extend my congratulations to the following VTS members on their elevation by IEEE to the grade of Senior Member:

Javier Gozalvez Sempere, Ho Gi Jung, Yongho Kim, Lin Cai, Nelson Theethayi, Kiyomichi Araki, Hans-Georg Herzog, Ye Li, Ingolf Meier, Petros Nicipolitidis, Chee Hooi Teoh, Cristian De Angelo, Ashraf Tahat, and Young Yoon.

The Senior Member elevation is a vital part of IEEE and is a significant milestone in the career of an IEEE Member. Senior Member status indicates a high level of professional development that is recognized throughout the world. Congratulations.

VTS Local Chapters Meetings

The following list of recently held VTS Local Chapter meetings was compiled using the L-31s submitted between September 2010 and December 2010.

Benelux (VT06/COM19)

Meeting Date: 28 September 2010
Title of Paper: "Board Meeting"

Dallas (VT06/COM190)

Meeting Date: 21 September 2010
Speakers: Rajkumar Chaudhry and Chris Tryon
Title of Paper: "Cloud Computing IT Technology Solution of the Future"

Ottawa (VT06)

Meeting Date: 10 June 2010
Speaker: Gunar Fedosejevs
Title of Paper: "Visit to Cantley Radarsat Site: Description of RF Reception Facility"
Speaker: Rene Periard
Title of Paper: "Visit to Cantley Radarsat Site: Review of Images, Projects, and Customers"

San Diego (VT06)

Meeting Date: 13 October 2010
Speaker: Prof. Truong Nguyen
Title of Paper: "Three Grand Problems in 3-D Video Processing Research"
Meeting Date: 20 October 2010
Speaker: Dr. Bo Ryu
Title of Paper: "Long Endurance Wireless Sensor Network (LE-WSN) with High-Power Radios"

Tainan (VT06)

Meeting Date: 3 September 2010
Speaker: Prof. Andrzej Jajszczyk
Title of Paper: "Resilience of IP over Optical Networks: Methods and Metrics"
Meeting Date: 21 October 2010
Speaker: Tony Q.S. Quek

Title of Paper: "Recent Advances in Cooperative Communications and Networks"

Winnipeg (AP03/VT06/MTT17)

Meeting Date: 29 October 2010

Speaker: Dr. Alireza Foroozesh

Title of Paper: "On Reflection and Transmission Properties of the Metal Strip Gratings and Their Application"

As members of the IEEE, each VTS member is automatically assigned to a local IEEE section. Within each IEEE section, a VTS local Chapter may exist. One method to determine the location of the closest VTS Chapter is to contact your regional

coordinator. The VTS is very fortunate to have volunteer regional coordinators supporting our four geographical regions. Our volunteer regional coordinators are as follows. Please feel free to contact them with your local Chapter questions or concerns.

North American Region (IEEE Regions 1–6, 7)

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Asian Pacific Region (IEEE Region 10)

Prof. Youngnam Han
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Please remember that all local Chapters should log their meetings (via the L31 forms) by going online to the IEEE.org. Please feel free to send me photos of your local Chapter events. I'll attempt to get a few in upcoming articles.

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Editorial: IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology

It is my great pleasure to report that IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology (TVT) continues to perform very well in various measures! We have received 1,457 paper submissions in 2010. Our editorial board strives to publish research papers with significant technical novelty and contributions in a timely manner. We continue to have an increase in the number of paper submissions, a decrease in paper acceptance rate, to a reduction in the paper review/decision duration, as summarized in the following table.

Year	2007	2008	2009
Total number of paper submissions	853	1062	1385
Acceptance rate (percentage)	36.7	31.1	27.3
Average 1st-round review/decision duration (month)	3.60	3.20	2.46
Average submission-to-acceptance duration (month)	9.04	8.43	7.16
Average submission-to-rejection duration (month)	4.10	3.39	2.61
Average submission-to-epublication (IEEE Xplore) duration (month)	25.85	16.51	9.38

At the end of 2010, all the papers submitted in 2009 or before have a final editorial decision, except 9 papers under further revision. For papers appeared in the IEEE Xplore during the first two quarters of 2010, the average submission-to-epublication duration is further reduced to 8.12 months. Further, we have cleared publication backlog in printed issues. An accepted paper will appear in a printed issue within 1-2 months once it is copyedited and proofread.

The TVT has been an important venue for both the academia and industry to share research results to accelerate R&D activities in vehicular technology. In 2009, the journal received the IEEE Xplore usage, ranking the top 21st among 273 IEEE journals. Its impact factor has been increasing steadily since 2004.

In addition to papers presenting original research, we publish surveys and tutorials on topics of a general interest to our readership. We encourage submissions on emerging areas in vehicular technology. To better serve our community, we have been publishing special sessions, focusing on vehicular electronics and intelligent transportation systems, and some topics which are of interest to the mobile communications and networking community. The most recent special section is on Advanced Transportation Systems. It has 39 submissions which are now under review, and is expected to appear in September 2011. Currently, we are accepting papers to a special section on Telematics Advances for Vehicular Communication Networks. Please visit the TVT website, <http://transactions.vtsociety.org>, for more details (Call for Papers) of the upcoming special sections.

On behalf of the TVT editorial board, I would like to thank the authors, reviewers, and readers, for all your contributions to and interests in our journal!

Weihua Zhuang, Editor

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