Joint PELS/IAS/IES New South Wales Chapter Hosts Distinguished Lecturers

The Joint IEEE Power Electronics Society, Industry Applications Society, and Industrial Electronics Society (PELS/IAS/IES) New South Wales Chapter kicked off 2018 with two Distinguished Lectures. Prof. Udaya Madawala, on behalf of PELS, gave the first lecture “Grid Integration of Electric Vehicles,” and Prof. Xinghuo Yu, representing IAS, gave the second lecture, “Smart Grid and Beyond” (Figure 1).

Both events were very well attended and had lively discussions afterward. The Joint Chapter is very fortunate to have benefited from visits by such highly distinguished academics and their very timely lectures on such important topics. The Joint Chapter Committee is planning additional high-quality events for the benefit of members following reconstitution at the Section Annual General Meeting in late 2017. The Chapter Committee now comprises Prof. Graham Town (Chapter chair), Associate Prof. Jahangir Hossain (deputy chair), Associate Prof. Dylan Lu (secretary), and Dr. Ha Pham (Member). The Joint Chapter is very well supported by IEEE Student Members, including Pouya Jamborsalamati and Saad Hasan.

Benelux Joint Chapter Hosts Eighth Young Researchers Symposium

The IEEE Benelux Power & Energy Society/Power Electronics Society/Industry Applications Society (PES/PELS/IAS) Joint Chapter organized the eighth Young Researchers Symposium on 24–25 May 2018 at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Figure 1). Thirty-nine papers from nine universities in the IEEE Benelux Region were presented by master’s degree and young Ph.D. students. The symposium covered a broad range of topics related to power electronics and power systems. Keynote speeches were delivered by Damien Ernst from the University of Liége, Belgium, on management of distribution systems...