contributions to power electronics conversion and applications to photovoltaic generation.”

Chunting (Chris) Mi of San Diego State University, California, received the IEEE Power Electronics Emerging Technology Award “for contributions to wireless power transfer technologies.”

The IEEE Modeling and Control Technical Achievement Award was presented to H. Alan Mantooth of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, “for contributions to the modeling of power semiconductor devices.”

Xiongfei Wang of Aalborg University, Denmark, was the winner of the IEEE PELS Sustainable Energy Systems Technical Achievement Award “for contributions to the stability and control of power converters for renewable energy systems.”

The recipient of the IEEE PELS Vehicle and Transportation Systems Achievement Award was Kaushik Rajashekar of the University of Houston “for contributions to the advancement of power conversion and propulsion systems for electrification of land and air transportation.”

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A Successful Edition of the European Ph.D. School

More than 110 Ph.D. graduates from 22 countries and several large companies participated in this year’s 20th edition of the European Ph.D. School to present projects on power electronics, electrical machines, energy control, and power systems (Figure 1). Organized by the University of Cassino, Italy, this event was held on 20–22 May at the wonderful ancient Angevin Castle in Gaeta, Italy. Thanks to the winning formula, which mixes high-level lectures, recruitment sessions, live demos, and several social events, the European Ph.D. School can be considered a flagship event in Europe for Ph.D. graduates working in the field of power electronics and electrical engineering to exchange experience and technical information about their Ph.D. projects.

Since its foundation, more than 1,000 Ph.D. graduates have engaged in this event, which is considered the largest network in Europe! First organized in 2009 by the University of Cassino and the European Center of Power Electronics (ECPE), the European Ph.D. School held this year received the valuable support of the IEEE Power Electronics Society. This is an important collaboration that is considered strategic for the entire scientific community. More information about the European Ph.D. School can be found at www.phd-school.org. The 21st European Ph.D. School will be held 25–29 May 2020 at the Angevin Castle in Gaeta, Italy, in cooperation with ECPE.