

Greetings from the Section Chair

Dear Colleagues. Welcome to the 2009 edition of the Toronto Section's Newsletter.

I am pleased to highlight the key organizational achievements of the past year:

- Section is steadily moving towards its goal - complete coverage of the IEEE technical areas. Recently, the following IEEE Societies found their "homes" in the Toronto Section Chapters:
 - IEEE Broadcast Technology Society
 - IEEE Consumer Electronics Society
 - IEEE Industrial Electronics Society
 - IEEE Power Electronics Society
 - IEEE Product Safety Engineering Society
 - IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
 - IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society.
- New affinity group has been formed - Consultants Network Affinity Group.
- New IEEE Student Branch has been established at Humber College.

September 2009 will be marked by two large events, which the Section has been working on for the last year. The first is IEEE Toronto International Conference: Science and Technology for Humanity (IEEE TIC-STH 2009) which will be held on September 26-27. This is the first international conference organized and hosted by the Section. All local universities are involved in the organizing committee. The conference will be run simultaneously onsite and online. Around 200 papers will be delivered. The second event is the IEEE Milestone ceremony dedicated to the First External Cardiac Pacemaker created at the University of Toronto in 1950.

Most activities the Section is conducting this year are dedicated to the IEEE 125th Anniversary, celebrating the history of the global organization and contributions to the profession by members of the IEEE Toronto Section. I am pleased to congratulate all Section members with the anniversary of our organization and wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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