

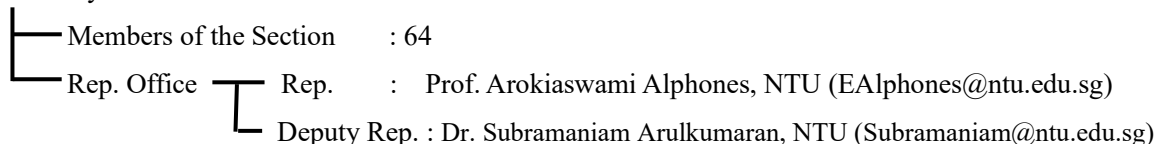
Annual Activity Report of IEICE Singapore Section

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1. Organization

Assembly of the Section



2. Strategy of the Section

The section has been in operation more than a decade. From 2011, the IEICE Singapore Section initiated mainly to mobilize more new members into IEICE Societies by promoting and publicizing the features of IEICE at all meetings and seminars. The section has also encouraged students and industry people to join as a member in the society. The section has also been collaborating with local Universities, Research Institutes and Industries to get its roots into more members. Arranging special Seminars/Talks by Japanese/International experts in Singapore to create a strong worldwide network with the help of IEICE Singapore section. Also it is leveraging the local IEEE Singapore section to support some events organized by IEICE. During the pandemic situation no physical seminars were not possible, but working towards online or hybrid mode in coming up periods.

3. Membership Development Policy

- Membership drive at all IEICE/IEEE seminars in Singapore
- Briefing various transactions of IEICE and their topics at each seminar
- Joint workshop of industrial and academic researchers for a better networking among them
- A joint international workshop on 6G systems or Terahertz applications in Singapore sponsored by IEICE
- Keep a table top booth during the conferences held in Singapore for delegates to visit and get to know about it

4. Results of Activities during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (Apr 2021 ~ Mar 2023)

4.1 Conference/Symposium/Workshop

Participated and presented an invited talk at ICETC 2021 as Singapore IEICE representative on the topic “Integrated Visible Light Communication and Positioning Systems”. Also contributed to Transactions of IEICE in the form of an invited paper in the special issue.

4.2. IEICE Sponsored Lecture:

During 2021 and 2022 fiscal years, no physical lectures have been made due to pandemic situation and as well locked down conditions. However during virtual meetings organized by other societies, IEICE and its objectives were publicized. Also motivated to non IEICE members to participate in the webinars organized in this fiscal year.

4.3. The Other Events in Collaboration with IEICE Hqs or Domestic Sections, if Available

Since in the year of 2021 participated in overseas student symposiums, in the year 2022 just joined as an observer.

4.4 Improvement of the Section

To have more interaction in Singapore section, IEICE may jointly organize conference/symposium with the huge IEEE Singapore section. This will also motivate the IEEE members to join in IEICE, Japan. Another option is to sponsor a full/half day session in any of the high impact conference/symposium held in Singapore.

5. Review and Future Plan

(1) Items in 2023 Fiscal Year Plan Which could not be achieved, and Expected Solution

No events planned due to locked down conditions, but worked with local IEEE chapters for possible joint seminars. As the year 2022 also had a tight measures, we couldn't invite overseas speakers or planned international

workshop. However slow relaxation of measures by Singapore Government and free air travel, the coming year would be like normal as in pre COVID situations.

(2) Activity Plan in 2023 Fiscal Year

As the situation is getting better, planned to organize physical meetings for seminars. We would like to invite two Eminent Scientists/Researchers from Japan (6G systems or Terahertz Applications) to share their experiences/knowledge with Singapore Researchers. This can potentially motivate the local researchers to take part of the IEICE Singapore Section's current and future events. In addition, this will be a seed to have a closer interaction between both parties and/or to initiate the collaborative research between Singapore Universities/Industries and Japan Universities/Industries. Also it is planned to make the IEICE membership drive to recruit new members and give a talk on the IEICE membership benefits, as well.

6. Constructive Opinion / Requests / Proposal

- Due to the pandemic situation, any constructive plans which are conducive and feasible could be move forward and engage the IEICE members in a positive note. The membership growth has been slow or just stagnant for few years.
- In the last year, there was a query on accounting the members who are migrating from one country to another under local section or their previous section. If the members are visiting for a short period of less than a year, then they can keep their name in the original section data base. However if the members intend to serve in another country of more than a year, then the members can be counted under that local section. This will enable the better networking among the members and help in driving the new membership. This request has been accepted and the current database is showing the residence status in Singapore to account under Singapore section. Thanks for the efforts.