

Communications Society

Active Report

26/09/2013	<p>Nurul Sarkar reported:</p> <p>1) 2013 IEEE ComSoc DL to New Zealand IEEE joint NZ ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer (DL) A/Professor Maode Ma is expected to arrive in Auckland on Sunday 29 September to give talks in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington on September 30, October 2, and October 4, respectively. In Auckland, Prof Ma will give two talks on ζ Systems QoS Provisioning in LTE/LTE-Advance 4G Wireless Networks: and ζ Security Enhancement for M2M in Cyber-Physical Systems ζ on Monday 30 September starting at 4.30 pm (refreshment from 4 pm) at AUT (Venue: WF303, Business Faculty Building, Cnr of Wakefield Street and Mayoral Drive, AUT Wellesley Campus). A wider university community from within and outside of AUT including research students is expected to attend the talk. In Wellington, the DL talk is going to be held on Wednesday 2 October 2013 at 11 am (Venue: Cotton Building CO350, Victoria University of Wellington). In Christchurch, the talk is going to be held on Friday 4 October 2013 at 5.30 pm in A309 at University of Canterbury.</p> <p>2) ComSoc news on Global Communications Newsletter Being an active IEEE Joint NZ North/South ComSoc Chapter we had organised several workshops and distinguished lecturer (DL) talks in New Zealand last year. We also won the ζ Best Chapter Achievement Award ζ in 2012. The article highlights the professional development activities for the member of the wider university community through IEEE ComSoc DL programme in New Zealand. These events were very effective and had generated a lot of interest among staff/students for further discussion. The article has been published in September 2013. Click on http://www.comsoc.org/gcn for details.</p>
25/07/2013	<p>Nurul Sarkar reported:</p> <p>IEEE Wireless Workshop 2013: The 2013 IEEE New Zealand Wireless Workshop will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington. Date: Friday 6 September 2013 Time: 9:30am - 5:30pm Venue: MacLaurin Lecture Theatre 102 (MCLT102), Kelburn Campus, Victoria University of Wellington Registration: Free (and lunch is provided) RSVP: NZWirelessWorkshop@ecs.vuw.ac.nz by Friday 23rd August Further programme details will be posted at http://ecs.victoria.ac.nz/Events/NZWirelessWorkshop2013</p>
23/05/2013	<p>Nurul SarKar reported:</p> <p>1. ComSoc DL Funding application: I had a correspondence with Ewell Tan (Co-ordinator, Asia-Pacific ComSoc office in Singapore) earlier regarding ComSoc DL programme for this year. There is an uncertainty in DL funds for this year. We need to wait until further notice from IEEE ComSoc Region 10. 2. IEEE Region 10 Activity Funds: I would like to apply for funds to run a community involvement activity such as workshop/tutorial for school kids. This will generate a lot of interest among young kids about the global IEEE in general and IEEE NZ North section in particular. Any help from Section Chair would be much appreciated.</p>
28/03/2013	<p>Nurul SarKar reported:</p> <p>1. I have sent an article to the editor of the IEEE Global Communications Newsletter (GCN) by summarising professional activities especially Prof Asatani's visit to NZ last year (DL Lectures). 2. Prof Harsha Sirisena (from NZ South Section) is our IEEE joint NZ N/S ComSoc Chapter Chair for this year. However, I will continue to serve on the North section committee as ComSoc representative this year. I will work with Harsha for joint activities such as workshops and DL programmes this year.</p>
23/11/2012	<p>Nurul SarKar reported:</p> <p>We had ComSoc DL Lecture by Prof Koichi Asatani at AUT University yesterday. Please find expenses report and receipts. Total cost = \$659.70 which I paid by credit card and cash.</p>
27/09/2012	<p>Nurul SarKar reported:</p> <p>IEEE NZ ComSoc report for 27 September 2012 Meeting</p> <p>1. AUT hosts 2012 IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop AUT's School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (Network and Security Research Group) hosted a day-long IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop (mini conference) on Friday 31st August 2012. This annual event brought together more than 65 engineers, researchers, industrialists and policy makers working in the field of wireless communications and network technologies. The day consists of a series of presentations from participants, including keynote, industry, wireless research centre, and academy presentations with ample opportunity for informal discussions and networking. The organising chair Dr Nurul Sarkar received positive feedback from attendees indicating that it was a highly successful event at AUT. The next year's Workshop will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington.</p> <p>2. IEEE ComSoc Chapter Achievement Award IEEE NZ North and South ComSoc Chapter has been selected for 2012 IEEE ComSoc Chapter achievement award. Only 4 chapters out of 216 have been selected winners of this year's ComSoc Chapter achievement award world-wide. This is a significant achievement for us says chapter chair Dr Sarkar. We work hard over the years, conducted various activities for the members of the wider community, and communicated well with the central IEEE ComSoc headquarters in the USA as well as Asia Pacific office in Singapore. The award contains a plaque and honorarium (\$1,000) for each recipient.</p> <p>3. IEEE ComSoc DL Tour Nurul Sarkar nominated Professor Koichi Asatani (from Japan) for IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer (DL) tour to New Zealand. Prof Asatani will give three lectures in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington on November 19, 21 and 23, respectively. In Auckland, he has been scheduled to give a talk on Monday 19 November (Venue: WF303, Business Faculty Building, Cnr of Wakefield Street and Mayoral Drive, AUT University Wellesley Campus, Auckland CBD). Please contact Dr Nurul Sarkar (nurul.sarkar@aut.ac.nz) for more details.</p>
19/07/2012	<p>Nurul SarKar reported</p> <p>ComSoc News:</p> <p>1. IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop 2012 The event will be held on Friday 31st August in WF303 at AUT University, Wellesley campus, Auckland CBD. We are looking for industry/organisation sponsor to cover the catering costs for the event.</p> <p>2. IEEE ComSoc DL Tour Professor Koichi Asatani (from Japan) has been scheduled to give lectures/talks in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington on November 19, 21 and 23, respectively. IEEE distinguished lecturers (DLs) are very high profile people in their field of specialisation worldwide, and Prof Asatani's tour to NZ will enhance international networking opportunity for staff/students and the wider University community. </p>

17/05/2012 Nurul SarKar reported
ComSoc News:
1. IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop 2012: After consultaion with people from other Universities in NZ, we have finalised the following date and venue for the IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop 2012.
Date: Friday 31st August
Venue: WF303, AUT University, Wellesley campus, Auckland CBD.
2. IEEE DL Talk: Professor Koichi Asatani (Japan) has agreed to come and give his Distinguished Lecture (DL) Talks in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington. He will arrive in AK on Sunday 18 November and the talk is scheduled for Monday 19 November in the afternoon. The time and venue will be advised later in the year.

29/03/2012 Nurul SarKar reported:
ComSoc News:
1. Being a ComSoc chapter chair I am planning to host a day long wireless workshop at AUT University this year.

I am contacting various key people from NZ Universities to come up with a suitable date for the workshop.
2. I have applied for IEEE ComSoc Funds to host various activities throughout the year.

21/07/2011 Kevin reported:

IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop, Friday 26 August 2011
The programme for the IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop is now being finalized.
Speakers include:
Tony Baird Vodafone NZ – General Manager – Networks & Services
Kevin Sowerby IEEE ComSoc
Sudhir Singh IRL/VUW
Rahul Mehta Radio Spectrum Policy & Planning,
Ministry of Economic Development
Clive Horn Tait Electronics
Alan Coulson IRL
Richard Clarke Tait Electronics
Dr Sayuj Nath National Instruments
Attendance is free of charge.
The final schedule and keynote speakers will be confirmed closer to the event date.
A networking function will be held immediately following the Workshop including a short musical interlude. Canapés and beverages will be served.

There will be casual drinks prior to the Workshop on Thursday 25th August 5.30pm – 7.00pm at Misceo's
Please see the website <http://www.wrc.canterbury.ac.nz/ieee/> for further details and updates on the full programme.
Jill Bond is the Workshop Coordinator
Phone: (03) 364 3417

19/05/2011 Kevin reported:

IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop, Friday 26 August 2011
Planning for the IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop is underway. This year the Wireless Workshop will take place at The University of Canterbury. The coordinator is Jill Bond of the Wireless Research Centre at the University of Canterbury.
The date and venue for the Wireless Workshop are:
Friday 26 August 2011
C Block Lecture Theatre
University of Canterbury
Creyke Rd, Ilam
Christchurch
The proposed programme surrounding the workshop is:
Thursday 25 August - Pre-workshop welcome and cocktail function, NZi3, Creyke Rd, University of Canterbury
Friday 26 August - Post-workshop dinner, NZi3, Creyke Rd, University of Canterbury
Saturday 27 August - Trip to Akaroa, Banks Peninsula
Meeting of Asia Pacific IEEE Communications Society Chapter Chairs, Kyoto, Japan, 9 June 2011
A meeting of IEEE Region 10 ComSoc Chapter Chairs is to be held at the conclusion of the IEEE ICC conference in Kyoto, Japan in early June. Unfortunately the NZ North/NZ South ComSoc Chapter Chair (Kevin Sowerby) is unable to attend because he will be in Europe at that time. Fortunately IEEE ComSoc member Dr Pawel Dmochowski from Victoria University of Wellington will be attending the ICC conference. He has kindly agreed to attend the meeting and briefly discuss ComSoc activities in New Zealand.

31/03/2011	<p>Kevin reported: Here is the report from the Joint NZ North/NZ South IEEE Communications Society Chapter: *****</p> <p>This year's IEEE New Zealand Wireless Workshop is scheduled to be held in Christchurch on Friday 26 August. The date was set before the devastating 22 February earthquake in Christchurch. The planned venue for the Wireless Workshop is the University of Canterbury. At this stage the Wireless Workshop is still planned to go ahead in Christchurch. The date selected for the Wireless Workshop aligned with a mid-semester break in the second semester at the University of Canterbury. It appears that the second semester dates have not been altered following the earthquake and the Wireless Workshop should proceed as originally planned.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Technical presentation: 6pm Wednesday, 30 March 2011</p> <p>University of Auckland, Faculty of Engineering Room 3.404</p> <p>IEEE/IET/PENZ event:</p> <p>Subject: Ultra-Fast Broadband - Why They Will Come Once we Build</p> <p>Speaker : Ernie Newman - ex CEO of Telecommunications Users Group Synopsis</p> <p>Ernie Newman will talk about the evolution of the Internet; its current impact on our lives, and his prognosis for the next decade or two. He'll review where the social and economic returns will occur between now and 2025 - which are the sectors with most to gain, and where the real opportunities will arise from a development perspective. As a passionate believer in the crucial importance of connectivity, he'll explain why New Zealand has more to gain from ubiquitous connectivity than any other nation on earth, and more to lose if we don't get ahead of the game.</p>
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Meeting date	Comment
12/08/2010	The 2010 IEEE New Zealand Wireless Workshop will be held in Wellington on Friday 27 August. The programme is attached herewith , and contains 29 speakers from industry, academia, and government. Preparations for the Asia Pacific Communications Conference and ATNAC are well advanced, with paper authors now being notified. These two conferences will be co-located in Auckland this year (31 October - 3 November at the Langham Hotel).

Meeting date	Comment
27/05/2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2010 IEEE New Zealand Wireless Workshop will be held in Wellington on Friday 27 August. Alan Coulson from Industrial Research Ltd will take the lead in coordinating the event, which will probably be held on IRL's premises in Gracefield, Petone. The date was chosen to avoid clashes with research project exhibitions at Victoria University (3 September) and the University of Auckland (10 September). (In 2009, when the event was held in Auckland, there was a clash with the Victoria University event.) Alan Coulson <A.Coulson@irl.cri.nz> will soon be issuing a call for participation in the 2010 Wireless Workshop at which speakers from academia, industry and government present and discuss issues related to the design, implementation and use of wireless systems. Planning has advanced for the Asia Pacific Communications Conference and ATNAC which will be co-located in Auckland this year (31 October - 3 November at the Langham Hotel). Paper submissions are due shortly. Accepted papers will eventually appear on IEEEExplore. See: http://apcc2010.aut.ac.nz/ and http://atnac2010.aut.ac.nz/

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25/03/2010	Please see minutes

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8/10/2009	-Please see the minutes...

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6/8/2009	-Please see the minutes...

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28/5/2009	Apologies from Kevin. He is flying out to USA this evening. The main news from the ComSoc Chapter is that, after consultation with Canterbury, the 2009 IEEE NZ Wireless workshop will be held in Auckland on Friday 4 September. (Another event is being planned at Canterbury on Thursday 3 September.)
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23/4/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin's apologies for not attending the IEEE NZ North Section Meeting on (23/4/2009). At the time he will be flying out to the IEEE Vehicular Technology Conference in Barcelona, Spain. Planning for IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop is underway. The one-day event will take place in Auckland in the first week of September 2009 (Thursday 3 or Friday 4 September).

Events

Date	Event/Title	Location	Speaker(s)	Comment
3/4/2009	HSPA+, LTE, and WiMAX :What makes new air interfaces better?	The University of Auckland	Dr. Stefan Gustafsson, TNO Information and Communication Technology in Delft, Netherlands	~40 attendees (30 IEEE)

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26/3/2009	Discussions are still in progress on splitting NZ ComSoc Chapter and forming a NZ North Chapter. However this requires sufficient ComSoc membership in NZ Central and South Sections for them to remain viable.
Meeting date	Comment
25/9/2008	It is proposed that the NZ North Communications Society Chapter split from the NZ South Section in 2008.

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26/3/2009	NZ Wireless Workshop - to be held in Auckland in first week of September.			

Date	Event/Title	Location	Speaker(s)	Comment
5/9/2008	IEEE Wireless Workshop 2008	University of Canterbury	(various)	~120 attendees
28/8/2008	Wireless sensor area network	The University of Auckland	Dr John Pollard, QM, University of London	~30 attendees