

Dear IEEE Member,

Happy New Year! I spent a few days in our Nation's Capital during the holidays, and I was delighted that the late December weather was a balmy 50 degrees! Alas, here on Long Island the first week of January, the temperatures with wind chill have gone negative! Winter is here in New York; and with it comes this, our first quarter issue of your IEEE-USA ConferenceBrief.

We continue to have a great portfolio of IEEE-USA co-sponsored conferences and exhibitions--assembled over the past four years--and intended to address diverse areas of policy and professionalism in IEEE's technical fields of interest. Please take a moment to consider making a presentation at, or attending, some of them.

I often get emails asking why one of your favorite conferences is not in our calendar. Please note that IEEE technically or financially co-sponsors more than 1,500 events each year. Our calendar only includes those conferences events that IEEE-USA co-sponsors. As always, if you know of a conference, seminar, or workshop you think IEEE-USA should consider co-sponsoring; or if you have an idea for a new event--locally or nationally--please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS' CORNER

Attention Section and Chapter Conference Organizers:

With the start of 2016 comes a MAJOR change in how IEEE is technically co-sponsoring non-IEEE conferences. This ONLY applies to non-IEEE owned conferences that do not have any financial co-sponsorship. For these technically co-sponsored (TCS) conferences (having no IEEE financial sponsorship), you must use a specific formula to compute a fee that the conference must pay to the Member and Geographic Activities Board. The fee is based on 3% of the average IEEE member registration fee, multiplied by the number of technical papers being submitted for publication in the IEEE *Xplore* platform. As an example, if the average IEEE registration fee were to be about \$200, and the conference had 150 papers, then the fee would be: $\$200 \times 3\% \times 150 = \900 . If not included in your budget, could easily result in a significant loss! When possible, try to have the hotel F&B minimum be *inclusive* of any fees and taxes.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES (Co-sponsored and/or where IEEE-USA has an Exhibition Booth)

2016 IEEE-USA Conferences Calendar

When	Where	Conference
21 March	Worcester, Mass.	Int'l Symposium on Medical Information and Communication Technology (ISMICT)
30 March - 3 April	Norfolk, Va.	2016 IEEE SoutheastCon Conference
7-8 April	Kansas City, Mo.	2016 IEEE Green Technologies Conference (GreenTech 2016)
16-17 April	Washington, D.C.	2016 USA Science & Engineering Festival
2-5 May	Dallas, Texas	IEEE PES Transmission & Distribution Conference and Exposition
10-12 May	Waltham, Mass. (Boston)	2016 IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security
13-14 May	Vancouver, BC	IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, & Technology (ETHICS 2016)
5-10 June	Portland, Ore.	2016 IEEE Photovoltaics Specialists Conference
18-21 July	Boston, Mass.	IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting
28-30 July	New Orleans, La.	IEEE-USA Future Leaders Forum
12-16 September	Seattle, Wash.	International Conference on Connected Vehicles and Expo (ICCVE)
26-29 September	Aachen, Germany	IEEE Int'l Conference on Wireless for Space & Extreme Environments (WiSEE)
1-2 October	Queens, N.Y.	IEEE Booth at World Maker Faire New York
14-16 October	Seattle, Wash.	IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference
9-11 October	Phoenix, Ariz.	IEEE Conference on Technologies for Sustainability (SusTech)
1-3 December	Boston, Mass.	2016 Women in Engineering (WIE) Forum USA East
3 December	Philadelphia, Pa.	IEEE Signal Processing in Medicine and Biology Symposium (SPMB)

FEATURED CONFERENCES

2016 IEEE Green Technologies Conference



When: 7-8 April
Where: Kansas City, Mo.
Web: <http://sites.ieee.org/greentech2016/>

The IEEE Green Technologies Conference (GreenTech) addresses one of the most pressing challenges of our time: securing green and clean energy sources for the 21st century -- to protect the environment -- and to help build a more resilient power grid. Now in its eighth year, GreenTech hopes to draw insights and encourage collaboration from many disciplines and backgrounds to address these challenges.

Important Dates:

Comments for Papers Returned: 12 February
Final Paper Submissions: 12 March

Join Us in New Orleans for First-Ever Future Leaders Forum



When: 28-30 July
Where: New Orleans, La.
Web: <http://futureleaders.ieeeusa.org/>

Be part of the groundbreaking Future Leaders Forum, presented by IEEE-USA, for early career technology innovators and thinkers. Join us 28-30 July in New Orleans to meet world-renowned technology leaders and learn how to be one (featured speakers include: Vint Cerf, Google; Tracy Chou, Pinterest; Patricia Hatter, McAfee; Derk Hendriksen, Coca Cola; Chandrakant Patel, HP; Alton Romig, National Academy of Engineering and formerly Lockheed Martin Skunkworks; Steve Sasson, formerly Kodak, and more). Be energized by the insights and wisdom of your fellow attendees. Be inspired by the specially curated leadership labs (from Walt Disney Imagineering, TED speaker coaches, and more!) to boost your career. Enjoy the music, food, and culture of New Orleans. **Register now at early bird prices.**

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



2016 IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security

When: 10-12 May 2016
Where: Waltham, Mass.
The Westin Hotel Waltham-Boston
Web: <http://ieee-hst.org/>



IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science and Technology

When: 13-14 May 2016
Where: Vancouver, British Columbia
Web: <http://sites.ieee.org/ethics-conference>



IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference

Conference Date: 5-10 June 2016
Location: Portland, Ore.
Web: <http://www.ieee-pvsc.org/PVSC43/>



IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting

Conference Date: 18-21 July 2016
Location: Boston, Mass.
Web: <http://www.pes-gm.org/2016/>

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