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In March, IEEE-USA E-Books is offering "Doing Innovation -- Creating Economic Value: Book 3 -- Fostering an Innovation Culture" free to IEEE members.

In this e-book, author Gerard H. "Gus" Gaynor, a retired 3M director of engineering, talks about steps an organization can take to develop a workplace culture that encourages innovation. He notes that cultures develop over time, and it takes time and effort to develop a culture supportive of innovation.

Gaynor writes that, "The answer in one sense is very simple: find the right people; provide the freedom to act, but with discipline; implement effective and supportive management practices; provide the organizational resources and infrastructure; and promote an organizational attitude that focuses on achieving results."

Featured topics include, among others: Encouraging Professional Attitudes; Optimizing People Performance; Organizational Culture; and Developing Appropriate Management Practices.

"Fostering an Innovation Culture" can be downloaded at <http://www.ieeeusa.org/communications/ebooks/files/108vskj2i/Doing-Innovation-Book-3.pdf> for free to IEEE members.

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## *Power System Harmonics Seminar*

**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2014

**Time:** Registration: 8:30 A.M. Seminar: 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

**Speakers:** Dr. Ralph E. Fehr III, P.E., Electrical Engineering Department, University of South Florida

**Location:** **Seminole Electric Cooperative**  
16313 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa Fl. 33618

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This seminar examines the causes of harmonics in a power system, the effects of harmonics on power system components, and means of mitigating those effects. Both the utility and the customer perspectives will be addressed. Graphical methods will be used to illustrate concepts to keep the mathematical complexity of this somewhat complicated topic to a minimum.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Ralph Fehr earned his B.S.E.E. degree from the Pennsylvania State University, his M.E.E.E. concentrated in Power from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida. He has been employed in the electric power industry for over 20 years, has done consulting work on power systems, and has conducted a wide variety of power-related training courses worldwide. Dr. Fehr has contributed numerous articles to various trade magazines, and has authored Industrial Power Distribution, published by Pearson Prentice Hall. He is currently a member of the Electrical Engineering faculty at the University of South Florida and is a registered professional engineer.

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## *Consultants Networks Affinity Group– Projected Meeting Talk and Courses for 2014*

The Consultants' Network Affinity Group of the Florida West Coast Section of IEEE has a plan to present the following courses taught by Mr. Kurt Forster of the Pinellas Economic Development Center during the current year 2014. Your input is hereby requested to determine the interest you may have in these courses which when selected will be presented at the normal meetings of the FWCS/CNAG. Kindly send your interest & selection to Hermann Amaya, CNAG Chair at [hamaya@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hamaya@tampabay.rr.com) indicating what courses/talks you would definitely like to attend.

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## *Robotic & Automation Society April Meeting*

You are invited to the Monthly Meeting of the IEEE Florida West Coast Chapter of the (RAS) Robotics and Automation Society. It is every third Tuesday at 6:30pm at the location below under normal conditions. Special thanks to Hermann Amaya. In April, we have been invited to tour Osceola High School in Pinellas County. Dr. Gary Shepard is requesting a headcount. Please send me an email to [Venner20@ieee.org](mailto:Venner20@ieee.org) no later than April 4 to provide this information to our host.

#### **Location:**

**Osceola Fundamental High School  
9751 98th Street N  
Seminole, FL. 33777  
Date: April 15, 2014  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

#### **TOPICS: FIRST Robotics Team.**

Please join us for an exciting evening of discussions on local robotics and how we can help schools throughout the Florida West Coast.

## 2014 IEEE Lignell Awards Winners

**Dr. Faliero** has served in the field of education for 16 years as a teacher, coach, administrator, and director of instructional development. Her teaching engages students in practical thinking and problem-solving skills as evidenced by the rich discussions witnessed in her classroom. She strives to have students take responsibility for their own learning, modeling the mental processes and study habits it takes to learn what they need to learn to become responsible and informed citizens. She has high expectations for her students and pushes them to be better than they think they can be. She actively seeks professional development to improve both her pedagogy and her content knowledge of current research in the field of biology and biotechnology. Her contribution of her field is evidenced by her participation in professional conferences, her curriculum writing that she participates in, her mentoring of fellow teachers, and her commitment to life-long learning.



### Heather Costa

A classroom with structure, enthusiasm, and tie-in to student interests are a few of the necessities that Heather credits to her and her students' success. Heather Costa has taught high school sciences for 15 years and presently teaches Chemistry. Though this was not her initial career plan, after graduating from the University of Florida with a degree in microbiology, she followed her mother into education. She has embraced this career choice and continues to educate herself on new ways to deliver lessons and motivate students. She has earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and successfully completed her National Board Teaching Certification. She is eager to get students to enjoy science and build confidence in their learning abilities. She truly feels lucky to have a team of Chemistry teachers working with her to achieve these goals. Heather is honored to be recognized for this award.



**Amber Bennett** is a Chemistry teacher at Jefferson High School. A 2007 graduate of Florida State University, she completed her teaching internship with Mrs. Alina Mills and Ms. Heather Costa at Jefferson High School. After teaching Physical Science and Forensics in Raleigh, North Carolina, she returned back to her interning school to join the Chemistry team.



Through hard work and continuing education, Amber has built a learning community within her classroom and with her students that lend to their success in Chemistry. Her personality is infectious and can be seen in the rapport she has with her past and present students.

Amber works many hours tutoring after school and sponsoring the Science Brain Bowl Team. She attends summer institutes to better prepare her advanced placement chemistry students for their college tests.

Amber enjoys working with a team of teachers to design lessons that engage students at every academic level.





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