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Students are Back! and Our Region is Growing

As summer comes to an end, I hope you and your families are healthy and enjoying some cooler weather. Now that classes are back in session, we are seeing significant growth in student membership and branch activities. Since June we have several new student chapters and affinity groups.

- Power and Energy Society Student Branch Chapter at Florida • Polvtechnic
- Women in Engineering Student Branch Affinity Group at • Murray State
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Student Branch Chapter at the University of Florida
- Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Student Branch Chapter at the University of Kentucky



Theresa Brunasso. **Director**, Region 3

Congratulations to the Student Branches that formed these new groups to engage their members! If you are interested in forming a new student branch, chapter or affinity group, the process is easy and outlined on MGA website. I encourage Sections to reach out to their Student Branches to organize joint events.

I am happy to report that Region 3 has the largest growth of the six US Regions. Our membership in August 22 was up 1.8% over last year, with a total membership of 23,210. Graduate students are up 6%, and undergraduate students are up an impressive 24.8%!

I want to remind you that the annual <u>IEEE Election</u> is ongoing, and voting is open through October 2nd. In addition to selecting the leadership of both IEEE and IEEE-USA, there is an important board endorsed amendment to the IEEE Constitution on the ballot. Please take the time to vote.

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Past Director Update ... N&A Report Jill Gostin [jgostin@ieee.org] IEEE R3 Past Director, Nominations & Appointments Chair

For several years, the number of IEEE members in the US has been declining. I'm encouraged to see that we are beginning to slow that decline! I hope that every IEEE member will search for ways to get more involved in IEEE – find those things that excite you, and join in! I believe that there are many opportunities out there that our members are just not seeing, that will help them experience a true sense of belonging and value in IEEE. If there is something that you would be interested in participating in within IEEE but are not finding such an opportunity, please let me know. Members becoming involved in those things that catch their interest will help the US membership start to grow again!

In addition to my role as the Past Director, I am serving as the Chair of the Region 3 Nominations and Appointments (N&A) Committee. The N&A Committee presented a slate of candidates for Region Director-Elect 2024-2025, and the slate was approved. Soon the Region 3 Committee will review the slate. Once the slate is endorsed by the Region 3 Committee, it will be sent forward to IEEE to be included in the 2023 election. I thank all the individuals who submitted their names for this role; their willingness to be considered for such an important role speaks volumes on their commitment to IEEE and especially to our Region members.

STEM Literacy Report Melody Richardson [richardson.melody@gmail.com]

Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is integral to most innovations that benefit humanity. Such solutions of tomorrow require input from futuristic minds of current students and one way this can be achieved is by doing STEM literacy.

The IEEE Atlanta Section is a strong proponent of STEM education and leads the STEM literacy challenge. Melody Richardson is the Atlanta Section Educational Activities Chair who aims to accomplish wonderful things as part of her STEM literacy and outreach.



With the dedication and hard work of Melody Richardson as well as Hines Richardson, the STEM Literacy Project of IEEE Atlanta Section was selected as the winner of the Constellation's Community Champions Program.

To support the project IEEE Atlanta Section donated "The Questioners" book series by Andrea Beaty to 10 schools around the metro area. Melody & Hines put in their tireless effort to organize the logistics of this project and delivered the books to local schools

With the sole aim to accomplish the mission "Finding outreach opportunities for schools during the pandemic has been a challenge but donating books for students and teachers gave us a wonderful opportunity for outreach while maintaining social distance" this project supports STEM education amongst young talent.

Constellation Energy selects winners for small grants to encourage projects that are important to the applicant's community. Extra consideration is given to initiatives focusing on education, environment, or youth. Since the inception of the Community Champions Grant Program, Constellation has awarded over 2500 community projects across 28 states.

The IEEE Atlanta Section is proud to be a winner of this grant and hopes to continue leading this unique initiative through exceptional leadership of Melody and Hines Richardson.

Electric Vehicle & Energy Event Sean Denny venner20@aol.com R3 Florida West Coast Section/STEM Champion Chair / Secretary, IEEE FWCS Robotics and Automation



After bestowing the title of STEM Ambassador, the IEEE elevated my appointment as STEM Champion. The Florida West Coast Section Executive Committee (EXCOM) members supported my efforts and posted in the Signal Newsletter. Through the power of

communication, it caught the attention of Dr. Sidney Martin, Programs Director and Engineering Professor at St. Petersburg College. He reached out to me to help promote an *Electric Vehicle & Energy Event* at the

Clearwater Campus on September 1. I joined forces with Power and Energy Society/Industry Applications Society (PES/IAS) Chair Robert DeMelo to recruit speakers for



him. Vice Chair Andrew Seely pulled interested members from Senior Membership Elevations. We also had assistance from Raul Ortega, IEEE Section on the East Coast of Florida who expanded the virtual audience in VTools. Sidney picked his top six speakers which included three Excom Members Robert DeMelo, Jacob Chacko, and Dr. Chuck Hawkins. Earlier in the day, there was an Electric Car demonstration and a variety of speakers including Dr. Andres Cardenas, Dr Isaac Barpal, Mr. Shankar Karki, and Dr. Sidney Martin. Kayla Allemang, secretary for the IEEE FWCS PES/IAS, participated by bringing her electric vehicle to the event.

Earlier in the day, there was an Electric Car demonstration and a variety of speakers including Dr. Andres Cardenas, Dr Isaac Barpal, Mr. Shankar Karki, and Dr. Sidney Martin. Kayla Allemang, secretary for the IEEE FWCS PES/IAS, participated by bringing her electric vehicle to the event.

Robofest Chair Emma Alaba took photos and discussed how the morning went:

Get together to discuss Energy and learn about Electric Vehicles and More!

Thursday, I had the opportunity to attend the energy event on the SPC Clearwater Campus. Arriving around 10:30ish, the soulful sound of the music guided me to the outside activities in the Courtyard. Vendors were still setting up, Electric Vehicles were driving in, Duke Energy trucks already lined up, presentations already started in ES-104 – no time to waste. I am pleased to take you on a brief tour of the morning (10am - 2:30pm) activities. It was hard to decide where the started

to decide where to start - outside or course!

Chad Mairn, VR and Energy booth - he was just finishing up setup (display, laptop, headset, etc.). He invited me to try out the VR. He demoed it, I strapped on the headset, controllers in e



headset, controllers in each hand. I attempted to

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draw /color something, using my visual imagery skills ... Oops! I need more instructions. The VR environment gave me greater insight into the human dimensions. Thank goodness a group of middle schoolers showed up and I escaped back into the physical world.

I made my way over to a more familiar activity -Soulful music being played by Mr. Lloyd Cooper 3rd, DJ Services PhotoBooth & More! Awesome DJ, the music said dance and I did!

As I surveyed the Courtyard, a red car caught my eye. As I got closer, the Red BMW with Wings appeared in front of me - Wow! Nice! This BMW belongs to Michael Schulz (MIKA) – check out his video for more. The Electric Bike – Nice! Great to see a bike that's easy to use - just jump on and ride.



Meet Will Larry Co-Founder of EVT Electric Vehicle Transportation - driving the future. Sustainable transportation utilizing renewable energy while conserving Tampa Bay and cities going forward.

He said, "Drop Uber, Drop Lyft and ride sustainable with EVT. Evtride.com". Nice car, check out his video for more. Also, check out pictures of other electric vehicles – great lineup.

Dr. Sid Martin gave a fascinating presentation on Energy – The Future. Cleaner, cheaper, more efficient, the future of energy. Batteries holds the key to powering the future – batteries that are lighter and last longer. Smart Cities and



communities; Electrified and Autonomous Vehicles. Dr Martin also answer the questions as to what the future holds for the students - check

out his video for the answer and more.

Dr. Isaac Barpal presentation was about the Electric Vehicles – Past Present Future. Automotive propulsion: a motor vehicle must overcome 3 constraints: do



always be automatically charged for extended usage. Hydrogen Infrastructure – California is leading the way to hydrogen fueling stations by 2026. Awesome subject and speaker.

It was great meeting the faculty and staff from SPC's Engineering, Manufacturing, and Building



Arts Program, hear from industry leaders as they discuss topics like electric vehicles, green

Upcoming IEEE Award Events and Deadlines:

- Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) Awards: 15 October 2022
 https://mga.ieee.org/awards
- 2023 Region 3 Awards: 1 December 2022 <u>https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards/</u>

energy, and how energy is produced, and watched an electric vehicle show!

As one of the activities said, "If Life Gives You Lemons, Make a Battery".

Emma Alaba, Dir. FL Robofest Organizer

I checked into ES-104 and greeted Dr. Martin for the evening Energy Talks. Registration brought in 26 people for St Pete College and our IEEE VTools showed 15 members. Emma Alaba and I took pictures and video for the evening speakers between 5pm and 9pm.



Photos:

From left to right, Sean Denny, Robert DeMelo, Jacob Chacko, and Emma Alaba.

FWCS PES/IAS Chair Robert DeMelo, was first to discuss the topic titled "What Does It Take to Turn on a Light Bulb." His presentation provided a high-level overview of the power system from supply (nuclear, hydro, solar, wind, fossil fuels), to transfer (transmission and distribution), and to overall use (residential and commercial).

I spoke about how this presentation came together with STEM Champions and Power Engineering Society, promoted the IEEE STEM Portal on the Tryengineering.org website, and the activities of the Robotics and Automation Chapter of the Florida West Coast Section.

Jacob Chacko discussed "Electrical Energy and How it is distributed." He passed around products such as cutouts, fuses, surge arresters that are utilized for the distribution of electricity. If there is a permanent fault on a a power line, the line fuse blows, and the drawer drops down to provide an indication that something downstream tripped the fuse and needs to be fixed. In California due to wildfire danger, a current limiting fuse is utilized to reduce the chance of a brush fire. The fuse in this case has a fusible element encased in a tube of sand. In case of a fault, the high fault current converts the sand to glass and stops of the flow of electricity.

The last talk from Dr. Chuck Hawkins was "The Limits of Renewables and Baseload Energies." He presented data comparing the pros and cons of the Energy techniques discussed earlier. After the conference, Dr. Hawkins stated, "Overall a good gathering with focus on teaching." Raffle prizes were handed out and the speakers got a bag, hat, and gift card. A student approached me when we were dismissed to thank us for finding Dr. Isaac Barpal who spoke earlier. He was responsible in the 1960s for the



is back, bigger and better

Tuesday, 4th October 2022

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Interested in Addressing Climate Change? Allen Jones [allen.jones@ieee.org] R3 Projects Coordinator

For several IEEE Region 3 is offering grants of up to \$1000 to Region 3 Sections and their Chapters, Affinity Groups, and Student Branches to work on projects that address Climate Change. This is a topic which involves many complex problems and technical challenges. That makes it an excellent opportunity for us to demonstrate IEEE's commitment to "Advancing Technology for Humanity."

What Kinds of Projects can We Do?

Because Climate Change affects different areas in very different ways (see, for example, NOAA's https://

statesummaries.ncics.org/), your groups have a wide latitude regarding the details of the project that you do. Any project that can be associated with Climate Change is a potential candidate. Some general categories of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Projects to measure the effects of Climate Change.
- Projects to avoid Climate Change.
- Projects to adapt to Climate Change.
- Projects to remediate Climate Change.

These are just some general examples. Use your members, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches, and local businesses to create your own project. Just tie it back to the Climate Change in some way. Since projects funded by Region 3 are meant to encourage collaboration and engagement, your team must include at least three IEEE members of your Section and if possible, should include local Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches and local businesses. If your project involves working with minors, be sure to follow the IEEE rules for working with children. These can be found at this link.

To help ensure that each Section and its Chapters, Affinity Groups, and Student Branches gets an opportunity to participate before funds are exhausted, each Section initially will be limited to one grant. You are welcome to do multiple projects with that grant. You can also work together with other Sections on a project, but each Section must submit an application to receive funding.

Applying for Funding

Applications for funding should be in the form of a PDF of five pages or less and must include the following information:

- Team Name
- Section Name
- Contact person
- Project description
- Names and IEEE member numbers of at least three IEEE members from your Section who will be working on the project. (You may add others to your team after the project begins.)
- Expected outcome
- Expected costs (Region 3 will cover up to \$1000)

• The endorsement of the Section Chair indicating that the Section agrees to be responsible for the financial management of the funds.

Applications should be emailed by the Section Chair to Allen Jones, <u>allen.jones@ieee.org</u>.

Each application will be reviewed by a review board for compliance

Photo collage: NOAA.gov



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with these guidelines. They will not be judged to decide whether one Section's submission is "better" than another's. If approved, the funds will be transferred to the Section's NextGen banking account and the Section will then assume responsibility for management of the funds.

Each Section project team is requested to send a monthly status update to <u>allen.jones@ieee.org</u>. This update should include progress on the approved project and how the funds are being spent. A summary of this information will be posted on a Region web site to track and publicize all projects. Submission of pictures is encouraged but must comply with IEEE requirements and restrictions and an IEEE Photo Release.

Deadlines

Applications for an initial round of funding must be submitted by **October 15, 2022**. If all funding has not been exhausted following that initial deadline, then a second round of funding that removes the one project per Section and \$1000 per project constraints will be offered. The deadline for those applications will be **December 15, 2022**. All funds will be released in 2022 and all projects must be completed by November 30, 2023.

Still have questions or want to discuss your project ideas? Please feel free to contact Allen Jones at allen.jones@ieee.org.

Summer Social Back to School Bar-B-Que Sonya Dillard [sonya.dillard@ieee.org] IEEE Huntsville Section Chair



On Saturday, August 27th, 2022, the IEEE Huntsville Section in conjunction with the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) hosted an IEEE Summer Social to welcome back the IEEE Student Chapters. Dr. Laurie Joiner/Professor & UAH Student Branch Advisor and Sonya Dillard/IEEE

spear-headed this very successful event with three university campuses were represented. Student members from UAH, UNA and AAMU were in attendance. There was an awesome Bar-B-Que lunch provided by the IEEE Huntsville Section, and outdoor games provided by the IEEE student chapters. Over 70 people were registered for the event and over 50 attendees. There was great weather, relaxing shade underneath the tents and beautiful scenery on the treed lawn outside the Engineering Building. Participants represented all age groups. Since it was announced as a family event, there were children, college-aged students, Young Professionals (YPs), and well-seasoned Professionals to join in on the fun. Conversation, collaboration and networking was non-stop, and games of frisbee and bean bag toss wrapped up this event. There was talk of hosting an annual event to rotate between these three local area universities, with the University of North Alabama (UNA) being interested in hosting the next event in 2023,

2023, said Dr. Ravi Gollapalli, Associate Professor & Founding Advisor for the IEEE Student



Branch at UNA. It was indeed a great day and we were all happy to be back participating in real life, and I even got to sneak in a few hugs by breaking the infamous 6foot covid rule. Cooking forward to seeing more of our Region 3 Sections hosting events such as these in the near future and posting via Social Media, Newsletter and on our R3 Website. (See Attached Photos)





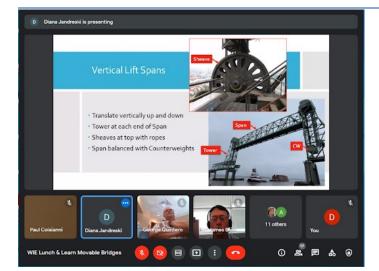
FWC WIE + *YP Report* Diana Aristizabal [<u>dianaaristizabal@ieee.org</u>] Florida West Coast WIE Chair

Diana Aristizabal, Chair of the IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Florida West Coast Section (FWCS), Ammara Mehd Ghani, Vice Chair IEEE WIE & Young Professionals (YP) FWCS, and T.J. Ross, Chair IEEE YP FWCS along with additional members of the IEEE FWCS and WIE International Network Connections (WINC) are excited to share about some of our successful events and member public outreaches thus far in 2022.



We started out this year by organizing a Spring Social event on March 10th to also coincide with celebrating International Women's Day. The event was hosted at the World of Beer in Tampa near the University of South Florida campus. This was our first in person event since COVID and it was wonderful to see and meet everyone over some snacks and drinks.

The next event hosted was a virtual Technical Presentation on Movable Bridges delivered by one of our IEEE WIE FWCS members, Diana Jandreski (P.E.), and her HDR Inc. professional colleague Farid Amador. The presentation was delivered as an Introduction to Movable Bridges with a Focus on Controls and Automation. The introduction portion of the presentation went into details on the basic concept of what a Movable Bridge is, why Movable Bridges are required or selected for specific locations, and the main types of Movable Bridges. The presentation also went over the three main disciplines



involved including electrical, mechanical, and structural engineering as well as an overview of their components.

The second portion of the presentation provided a focus on the controls systems. This included an overview of the modes of operation and details on automation, remote operation, and remote monitoring. The topics also included PLC (programable logic controller) monitoring and data logging of the bridge systems. The presentation was a very successful and engaging event, so much so that several attendees followed up requesting additional information.



We have also maintained focus on public outreach through Facebook and LinkedIn with social media posts to promote these above events as well as to help recognize and emphasize the importance of days such as International Women in Engineering Day and Women's Equality Day. Through this outreach our member Diana Jandreski also received an opportunity to participate in an article for an international online magazine, Womanthology, published for International Women in Engineering Day where she also mentions IEEE. See the <u>article</u> .

The WIE FWCS is looking forward to the success of our upcoming additional events this fall:

"The Right Mindset for Working Remotely" presented by Ammara Mehd Ghani (Vice Chair WIE and YP FWCS) and Talha Masood on 9/30/22

"Escape Room Event" organized by YP FWCS, date in October TBD

"Substation Event" joint with PES, date in November TBD



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Connected and Automated Vehicles Opportunities & Challenges Event Ajinkya Joglekar [ajoglek@g.clemson.edu] RAS Piedmont Chair

On 25th August 2022, the Automation, Robotics, and Mechatronics Lab (ARMLab) at Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research, together with IEEE's WIE, RAS and Piedmont section, hosted the Connected and Automated Vehicles Opportunities & Challenges Event. The participants embarked on a journey to explore opportunities/challenges presented by autonomous vehicles of the future. To kick off the event, Dr. Venkat Krovi/Dr. Matthias Schmid and their graduate students from ARMLab showcased a series of research presentations involving scalable self-driving cars of all sizes (1/10 scale to full scale).

This set the stage for a networking event where 100+ participants were able to engage with the faculty and students around the demonstration area for technical discussion, as well as members of the community discussing policies of today that would empower the mobility of tomorrow.

The Ph.D. students highlighted the lab's research activities with demonstrations of autonomous driving on small and mid-scale autonomous robots. The coup de grace of the show-and-tell event was the full-scale autonomous Chrysler Pacifica vehicle. In a live demo, participants could witness the "Sense-Think-Act" paradigm, which is the backbone of autonomy in any cyber-physical system.









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What's happening in IEEE Atlanta Section and the pipeline ahead Tamseel Mahmood Syed [syed.tamseel@ieee.org]

The IEEE Atlanta Section has had several wonderful events in 2022 so far and has an exciting lineup of events for the rest of 2022 and in 2023. If you are interested in learning more about IEEE Atlanta Section please visit the <u>website</u> and make sure to check out the complete list of <u>events</u> happening in the IEEE Atlanta Section.

Selected highlights of IEEE Atlanta Activities from 2022 include:

IEEE Atlanta Young Professional Group held its first happy hour event post pandemic on May 18th, 2022. It was a successful event that generated interest amongst IEEE members to volunteer as YP officers. A result of hard work and networking by the current IEEE Atlanta YP Chair Adriana Quinones saw several officer positions for the IEEE Atlanta YP group now filled and being held by young and energetic volunteers.



IEEE Atlanta Young Professionals group also helped with co-hosting the YP Social mixer during the American Control Conference (ACC) 2022 held at the Atlanta Marriott Maquis Hotel on June 8th, 2022. The event saw close to 50 participants and the attendees had a quality networking time together.



The Georgia Tech Student Branch PE Chapter (under the leadership of Priya Thekkumparambathmana) actively participated in the Atlanta Science Festival that was held in March 2022 and was coorganized by Melody Richardson. Melody is an outstanding volunteer of the IEEE Atlanta Section who cares about student success and she chairs the K-12 Outreach/ Educational Activities Committee under IEEE Atlanta.



IEEE Atlanta AESS volunteers helped with judging at the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair that was held in April 2022.



Several Atlanta Section volunteers were on the panel that met the young 1st and 2nd year IEEE members within the IEEE Region 3. The R3 Director Theresa Brunasso, the past R3 Director Jill Gostin and the Technical and Activities Coordinator Tamseel Syed are all from the IEEE Atlanta Section.

Atlanta ComSoc actively provides constant learning opportunities via its Virtual Distinguished Lectures.

The IEEE Atlanta Secretary and Atlanta

ED/PHO Chair Nelson Lourenco lead the organization of a virtual Resume Review event for students in the Atlanta Section which saw nice turnout and participation.

SAVE THE DATE for the following and many more upcoming events in Atlanta:

Social/Networking event called ATLUnlocked at the Atlanta Tech Park to be held on September 22nd, 2022. More <u>details</u>.

Several Distinguished Lecturers to be hosted by IEEE Atlanta ComSoc in the upcoming months.

2022 IEEE 19th International Conference on Smart Communities: Improving Quality of Life Using ICT, IoT and AI (HONET) Conference to be held from December 19-21, 2022 at Kennesaw State University in Marietta, GA USA. <u>More details.</u>

IEEE Day celebration event on October 4th, 2022 at Georgia Tech: Lunch and Learn Workshop on PCB Education by NCAB Group. Register <u>here</u>. Free T-shirts could be provided to a limited number of participants.

IEEE Day celebration event on October 6th, 2022 at Georgia Tech: IEEE Atlanta ComSoc Distinguished Lecture on "AI Based Zero Energy Communication in 6G" by Dr. Mohammed Atiquzzaman. More details upcoming but Free T-Shirts may be distributed.

Annual SciToberFest Networking Event by IEEE Atlanta Woman in Engineering Affinity Group on October 18th, 2022 at Monday Night Brewing. <u>RSVP</u>.

2023 VIC Summit & Honors Ceremony Gala to be held at Hilton Atlanta on May 5th, 2023. More details <u>here.</u>

If selected as a venue, IEEE Atlanta ComSoc will host a School Series on "Cloud Communications" for mostly students within the section and a few from other IEEE Regions during September/ October 2023.

SoutheastCon 2024 to be held in Atlanta, GA

Visit the Atlanta Tech Park <u>website</u> for more upcoming events in the lead up to the VIC Awards ceremony in May 2023. The IEEE Atlanta leadership team is looking forward to meeting you at one of the events in the future.

Best wishes for the rest of 2022 from Alessio Medda (Chair), Tamseel Syed (Vice Chair), Nelson Lourenco (Secretary), Brian Conant (Treasurer), Wyman Williams (Past Chair) and the entire ExCom/AdCom.



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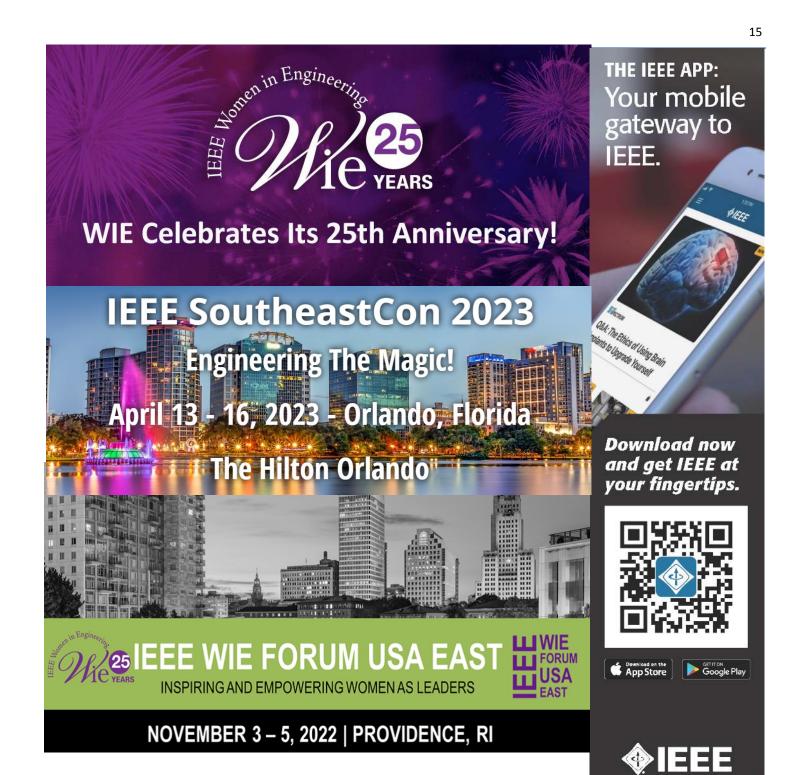
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