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Note from the Chair

This is my last note to SIGHT volunteers as Steering Committee Chair. I'll step down after this month, culminating four years of service in this position. I'm proud to say that SIGHT is larger, stronger and better-focused than ever. The credit goes to you, the volunteers around the world. And I'd like to offer a special thanks to the other folks in the Steering Committee and SIGHT staff. I'm proud to have worked with you all in this role, building our organization into what it is today.

As a parting message, I'd like to share with you my vision for SIGHT. Please see my interview on our Web site, also linked in this newsletter below. And for the final time as your Chair, happy holidays and thanks for all that you do!

Kartik Kulkarni
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Featured Stories



Special Thanks to the Outgoing SIGHT Steering Committee

The 2016 SIGHT Steering Committee oversaw huge growth in SIGHT's membership and the creation of important new tools like the [introductory video](#) pictured here, the Web sight redesign and the SIGHT Membership Tool Kit.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the leadership for their hard work. Thank you!



After Four Years of Guidance, Farewell to Kartik Kulkarni

Kartik Kulkarni steps down this month after four years of service as Chair of the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee. In that time, he led IEEE SIGHT through a monumental transformation.

"Under his watch, we have seen IEEE SIGHT grow from a handful of groups in a few countries to nearly 100 all around the world and in many IEEE Societies," says Holly Schneider Brown, Director of Public Imperatives and

Corporate Development at IEEE.

Kartik's colleagues have described him as a visionary who is fiercely dedicated to his work, willing to pick up the phone or send a timely email to resolve issues that are inevitable in a worldwide network of volunteers.

We asked Kartik to reflect on his leadership these last four years and to share his vision for the future of the organization. [These are his parting words as Chair of the Steering Committee.](#)



SIGHT Presents at the International Microwave & RF Conference

SIGHT volunteers presented their work in HAM radio at the International Microwave and RF Conference in Ahmedabad, India. See a [photo album](#) on SIGHT's Facebook page.

SIGHT Presents Humanitarian Technologies at TENCON 2016

SIGHT volunteers presented a session called 'Humanitarian Technologies' at TENCON 2016 in Singapore, November 25. The presentation included six papers in a session that was well attended. TENCON 2016 is an international technical conference of IEEE Region 10 members in the Asia Pacific region.

SIGHT at IEEE-EMBS Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Science

SIGHT volunteers participated in a special Humanitarian Technologies session at the IEEE-EMBS Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Science in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 5. It was the conference's [first track on humanitarian engineering.](#)



SIGHT Islamabad Launches "Let's Breathe Clean Together"

climate change and pollution solutions.

IEEE Islamabad Section SIGHT launched its project called "Let's Breathe Clean Together." The goal is to spread awareness to air pollution and design a sustainable solution to the problem. The group gave a presentation on the issue at the Islamabad Shopping Festival, during which Dr. Faheem Kokhar spoke about

Please see [photos from the event](#) on SIGHT's Facebook page.



Artisanal Deep Sea Fishers SIGHT Will Take Part in a National Techathon

The Artisanal Deep Sea Fishers SIGHT is taking part in LED Indirajalam, an Indian national techathon December 28-29.



IEEE SIGHT's Web Site Is Live

IEEE SIGHT is pleased to announce at long last that our Web site is live. You will find case studies, an interactive map of SIGHTs worldwide, testimonials, a blog, calendar and more.

sight.ieee.org

Tunisia Section SIGHT at the Internet Governance Forum



Meher Bnoui, Secretary General of SIGHT Tunisia, presented his group's work to improve Internet access at the Internet Governance Forum in Jalisco, Mexico. Please see the group's Facebook page for a [video of one of Bnoui's talks](#).

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Get Involved - Find Resources

Become a SIGHT Member

Membership is free and open to all individuals who want to engage in sustainable development. Your membership benefits include the monthly SIGHT newsletter, as well as SIGHT

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Professional and University SIGHT groups around the globe are partnering with communities and local organizations to leverage for sustainable development. [Find a Group](#)

announcements.

[SIGHT Membership](#)

Become a Community Partner

We are in search of committed community partners with a distinct technology challenge who want to access engineering and technical resources. Requests from prospective community partners are reviewed monthly and paired with local SIGHT groups if appropriate.

[Submit request](#)

Start a SIGHT

If a SIGHT group does not exist in your area, click below to access the SIGHT Toolkit, a custom resource for those who wish to create a new SIGHT for their community or understand what is involved in creating a new SIGHT.

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