

# IEEE SIGHT

Special Interest Group on  
Humanitarian Technology

## NEWSLETTER

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### Note from the Chair



Dear IEEE SIGHT volunteers,

The months continue passing quickly and once again I am writing to share new developments with all of you.

I am happy to report that July provided key opportunities to strengthen the program's partnerships with IEEE Societies. SIGHT Committee members had a very fruitful conversation with Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (MTT-S) leadership. After my presentation at the Chapter Chair meeting in June, sixteen Chapters expressed interest in forming a SIGHT group. And this month, the Humanitarian Activities Committee Chair (HAC) Kartik Kulkarni and I presented at the Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) Chapter Chair meeting.

*Continue reading the **July Note from the Chair** on the SIGHT blog for Sampath's monthly highlights - Past Chair Daniel Lottis's time in Brazil, the Africa stakeholders teleconference, the International Workshop and Ideation Camp hosted by IEEE Germany Section SIGHT, and the most recent projects to be awarded SIGHT funding.*

Featured Stories

## AP-S and SIGHT at the Symposium on Antennas and Propagation in Atlanta, Georgia



On 11 July, the IEEE HAC Chair Kartik Kulkarni and SIGHT Chair Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan presented at the Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) Chapter Chair luncheon meeting on humanitarian technology and potential collaborative projects. Presentations focused on past successes, future goals and how partnerships between HAC, SIGHT, and Societies enrich the IEEE volunteer experience, facilitate skill development, and contribute to member retention and recruitment.

## International SIGHT Workshop and Ideation Camp on Technical Support in Refugee Crises hosted by IEEE Germany Section SIGHT Group



From 16 - 18 July, participants from Germany, Colombia, and the United States gathered at the “International SIGHT Workshop and Ideation Camp on Technical Support in Refugee Crises.” During the competition portion of the event, twenty-four student attendees were divided into teams to design conceptual technical solutions to help refugees assimilate to life in new countries. Visit the [SIGHT blog](#) for the story.

## SIGHT Education Subcommittee Webinar - “Fundamentals of Off-Grid Solar Systems”



On Tuesday, 30 July the Education Subcommittee offered a webinar together with presenter Dr. Henry Louie on contextual, technical, and practical considerations of implementing off-grid solar systems. If you weren't able to join the live session, view the recording on the [SIGHT website](#).

## Next Session of “Ask the Chair”

Join us on Saturday 17 August at 10:00am EDT for the next “Ask the Chair” session with SIGHT Chair Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan. This time the theme will be “[Intro to SIGHT for Societies](#).” Did you miss the earlier sessions? Visit the SIGHT [Digital Classroom](#) to listen to audio clips on specific topics.

## Focus on Impact Assessment

On 26 June 2019, IEEE HAC Education Committee Chair Dr. Shaikh Fattah conducted an online training session on the Social Return on Investment (SROI) impact assessment methodology for the IEEE Smart Village (ISV) Education Committee. The ISV Education Committee is currently investigating how their entrepreneurs can standardize and improve metric collection during their projects. To review the presentation, see the [SIGHT blog](#).

## SIGHT Group Petitions - New Submission Process

As of 1 July, the SIGHT Operations Subcommittee will be accepting SIGHT group petitions via the IEEE HAC & SIGHT [online funding portal](#). Pending petitions do not need to resubmit, but new petitions should be submitted through the portal. Applications in word or PDF format will not be accepted after 31 July.

## SIGHT Group Spotlight

### Uganda Section SIGHT



On 13 July, the IEEE Uganda Section SIGHT members met to plan the implementation of their recently-funded SIGHT project. Over the coming months, the team will set up, install, and operationalize a solar energy system (PV) to facilitate the provision of healthcare services at Mukujju Health Center IV. For more about this group and their project, visit the [SIGHT blog](#).

### Feature Your Group in the IEEE SIGHT Newsletter

Would you like to introduce your IEEE SIGHT group to the global network? We would love to meet you! Send video or pictures of your group to [sight@ieee.org](mailto:sight@ieee.org).

## Get Involved - Join The Community

### Upcoming Events

- 31 July: **IEEE HAC Conference Participation Program Submission Deadline**
- 15 August: **IEEE SIGHT Project Application Deadline – Call #3**
- 17 August: **Ask the Chair, Session #3 – Intro to SIGHT for Societies**
- 19 August: **IEEE HAC Events Application Deadline – Call #4**

Visit the SIGHT **events calendar** to find an upcoming HAC & SIGHT humanitarian technology event near you! If you attend a conference, or meet up with a fellow SIGHT member, send us a picture at [sight@ieee.org](mailto:sight@ieee.org), or tag us @IEEESIGHT.

## Become a SIGHT Member

Membership is free and open to everyone who wants to engage in sustainable development. Benefits include the newsletter with the latest updates on IEEE humanitarian activities; first notice of HAC & SIGHT funding opportunities; and increased connectivity with the SIGHT Steering Committee (SSC), SIGHT staff, and the large network of volunteers.

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## Join a SIGHT Group

Professional and university SIGHT groups around the globe are partnering with communities and local organizations to work together on sustainable development projects - **find your closest group!** If a SIGHT group does not exist in your area, visit the **SIGHT Toolkit** to learn how to create a new one.

JOIN A GROUP

## Want More? Visit SIGHT's Site!

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