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Note from the Chair



You might have noticed that SIGHT is changing. I would like to share news about our growth and the direction we're headed. Please join me online or by telephone on April 9th for the first in our new series of webinars, SIGHT in Byte Sizes. Find details in our

SIGHT in Byte Sizes: Learn about SIGHT's ongoing improvements at a new webinar April 9th

SIGHT is growing quickly. To keep you up to date, we've launched a new webinar series called SIGHT in Byte Sizes.

For the first webinar, we are pleased to present our very own Chair, Kartik Kulkarni, who will share information about our ongoing revamping phase.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 9, 11AM to 12 Eastern Standard Time (convert to your time).**

The topics we will discuss include:

- SIGHT 2.0 and important updates with the revamp
- New expectations from every SIGHT group

The webinar will be conducted through WebEx. Please keep in mind that you can join even without an Internet connection using the call-in numbers given in the WebEx link.

Register online now!

SIGHT Volunteers Who Present at GHTC Are Eligible for Financial Support

announcement in this newsletter.

Read on for highlights from your fellow SIGHT groups around the world. And, as always, thank you for everything that you do!

Kartik Kulkarni, Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Find SIGHT Membership Resources at the online SIGHT Toolkit



Learn about the new requirements of SIGHT membership and find resources to help accomplish your goals with the online **SIGHT Toolkit**.

SIGHT Project Funding Deadlines

The Steering Committee continues accepting proposals for SIGHT **project funding**. The committee will award grants of US\$500 to nearly \$20,000. The activities that we fund must be completed by the end of 2016 to be considered.

Deadlines:

- February 15
- May 15
- August 15

Good luck!



The sixth annual IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference's has **extended the deadline for abstracts to April 18th**. (Note that full papers are not due until June 15 if the abstract is accepted.)

SIGHT volunteers who are chosen to present their work are eligible for partial financial support through SIGHT's Conference Participation Support program.

SIGHT will also have a slot in the conference program.

Authors may submit abstracts for a paper or poster, or a proposal for a case study, panel discussion or workshop. For details and guidelines, please visit www.ieeehgtc.org/author-central.

Join GHTC in Seattle, Washington, October 13-16, 2016.

Warm Reception for SIGHT Presentation in Bangkok

Welcome to our newly approved SIGHTs

IEEE PH Section

Republic of Philippines (R10)

Student Branch UNITEC

Honduras (R9)

IEEE Kolkata Section

India (R10)

IEEE Power and Energy Society

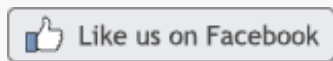
IEEE El Salvador Section

El Salvador (R9)

Ft. Huachuca Section

Arizona, USA (R6)

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Dr. Rajnish Gupta presented SIGHT and its work to IEEE members in Bangkok Thailand on March 5th, requesting that the section chairs form new groups.

The audience of about 140 people included members of IEEE R10 Excom, IEEE R10 Section Chairs and secondary delegates from sections, R10 country council chairs, IEEE President Barry Shoop, IEEE Region 8 Director Costas Stasopoulos, IEEE 2016 President-Elect Candidates Wanda Reder and James Jefferies, and others.

"In my opinion, a number of people seemed to be interested in SIGHT benefits. Namely, (1) project funding (US\$500 - \$19,999) and (2) partial conference support of 50 percent of conference expenses up to US\$750," Dr. Gupta says.

Dr. Gupta is the coordinator of the Humanitarian Technology Activities of IEEE R10, a member of the Executive Committee of the Singapore Section and Director of the Department of Industry Services at Singapore Polytechnic.

Call for Papers: The International Conference on Robotics and Automation for Humanitarian Applications

The International Conference on Robotics and Automation for Humanitarian Applications is calling for papers and tutorial proposals until the **submission deadline of May 23rd**.

The conference will be held December 18th through 20th at Amrita University in Kerala, India. For information please see raha2016.org.

Learn to use digital tools to survey and inform the

people you work with at E4C's Mobile Data Collection Webinar Series



Engineering for Change's Mobile Data Collection Webinar Series is a practical set of tech demos that can help SIGHTs survey and inform the people that you work with.

Learn how to use digital surveys, phone-call and text-message educational campaigns and more. The series includes presenters from Dobility, The Impact Lab, UC Berkeley's D-Lab, KoboToolbox and engageSpark, among others.

See the playlist on [E4C's YouTube channel](#).

Deadlines for SIGHT Newsletter Submissions

Share news about your events, innovations and successes with the worldwide SIGHT community. Submit announcements or story ideas by the first of each month for a chance to see it in the next month's edition.

Submission guidelines:

- 150 words or less
- Include photos! (with captions)
- Include Web links! (Interested people will want more information)

Please send correspondence to Rob Goodier at r.goodier@ieee.org. Thank you!