

# IEEE SIGHT

## Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology

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### Note from the Chair



Every month we connect with our fellow SIGHT volunteers around the world through this newsletter. Do you have news to share? Scroll down to find

### IEEE 2016 President Elect, Karen Bartleson, on IEEE SIGHT



*Video by Nivas Ravichandran, IEEE R10 Young Professionals Coordinator*

### IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee Will Hold a Special Workshop at HumTech2016

This year at **the Humanitarian Technology 2016 conference** in Cambridge and Boston, Mass., the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee will host a Special Workshop on creating proposals for funding social development projects.

As part of the workshop the Humanitarian Activities Committee will explain its solicitation of proposals for humanitarian projects that is

out how to submit updates and photos for publication.

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**.

## Welcome to Our New SIGHT

- IEEE Croatia Section

## Congratulations for Newly Funded Projects

**Information and Communication Technology Center for Community Development**

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**School Electrification with Photovoltaic Modules**

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underway now. The committee will review proposals during three periods in 2016 and will grant awards of US\$20,000 to \$100,000.

The Workshop will allow HumTech2016 participants to get an early look into these funding opportunities.

For more please see **HAC's funding proposals request** (pdf).

## Artisanal Deep Sea Fishers SIGHT Supplies Life Buoys



ADSF in Tamil Nadu, India, provides new life buoys for fishers.

*Photo courtesy of Vincent Jain*

## SIGHT Steering Committee met in Newark, New Jersey



Back row (left to right):

**Mario Aleman**, Volunteer Management & Engagement Subcommittee Chair; **Deepak Mathur**, Operations Subcommittee Chair;

**Kartik Kulkarni**, SIGHT Steering Committee Chair; **Alfredo Herrera**, Humanitarian Initiatives Committee, Ottawa SIGHT Chair;

**Tim Lee**, Communities of Practice Subcommittee Chair; **Anand B**, Events Subcommittee Co-Chair; **Sampath**

**Veeraraghavan**, Projects Subcommittee Chair; **Raj Madhavan**, Partnerships

## SIGHT Project Funding Deadlines

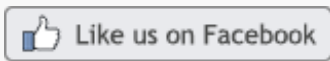
The Steering Committee continues accepting proposals for SIGHT project funding. The committee will award grants of US\$500 to nearly \$20,000. The activities that we fund must be completed by the end of 2016 to be considered.

### Final deadline of 2016:

- ~~February 15~~
- ~~May 15~~
- August 15

Good luck!

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Subcommittee Chair; **Holly Schneider Brown**, SIGHT Staff Lead; **Glenn McKnight**, Toronto Section SIGHT Chair

Front row (left to right):

**Dr. AKM Azad**, CARG SIGHT Chair (Bangladesh); **Ajay Poddar**, Awards & Recognition Subcommittee Chair; **Mohammed Zamshed Ali**, CARG SIGHT; **Niru Prakesh Kumar**, Marketing & Branding Subcommittee Chair; **Jackie Halliday**, SIGHT Staff; **Lwanga Herbert**, Uganda Subsection SIGHT Chair; **Jineet Doshi**, Events Subcommittee Co-Chair; **Dr. M Balakrishnan**, IIT Delhi Smart Cane Initiative; **Dr. Pritpal Singh**, Education Subcommittee Chair

## Ways Technology Can Help Solve Humanitarian Issues



Internet access and sustainable energy projects are making it easier for people to access resources and services.

SIGHT Chair Kartik Kulkarni and Mario Aleman of SIGHT Nicaragua offer insight for this article in IEEE The Institute.

**IEEE The Institute**

## Intellectual Property: What Hardware Innovators Need to Know



Navigating IP protection can be overwhelming, especially for organizations with limited experience in this area operating in resource-constrained regions. However, planning for the protection of your innovation is an important investment in future success. Watch this recorded webinar to better understand what legal IP protection is suitable for your innovation and get familiar with current legal frameworks and how to apply them.

This webinar is provided in collaboration with the ASME Innovation Showcase (ISHOW) - a hardware-led social innovation competition open to individuals and organizations taking physical products to market that will have a social impact. ISHOW webinars focus on issues related to hardware-based solutions and provide practical insights from the ISHOW expert network.

Dr. Isaac Rutenberg, a Senior Lecturer and Director of CIPIT at Strathmore University, presents.

## 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](mailto:r.goodier@ieee.org). Thank you!