

IEEE SIGHT

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Note from the Chair

Last month, I was able to personally thank our SIGHT committee chairs for their hard work when we held the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee meeting at the IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference 2017 in San Jose, Calif. (held October 18-22). Our chairs enable SIGHT volunteers throughout the world to use their time, talent and treasure to benefit underserved communities. We assessed the organization's accomplishments this year and laid plans for continued improvement in 2018.

We hosted the Friday night reception for GHTC with a special keynote speaker, Sayre White, from **Annie**

Cannons, a non-profit that trains survivors of human trafficking to work in software development. We also hosted a SIGHT panel discussion where we heard from SIGHT leaders. Their accomplishments to impact local communities were indeed inspiring to hear. Their stories will be the subject of future SIGHT newsletter articles.

For those finishing their 2017 projects, stay strong and finish strong. For those thinking of 2018 projects, come work with us!

Read on for updates from the SIGHT community around the world. And thank you for everything that you do!

Timothy Lee
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Featured Stories

Strategies for Growth and Impact in Region 8

Region 8's Humanitarian Activities Committee and SIGHTs navigate vast economic and cultural diversity among the countries they encompass. Alexandros Osana and Ruba Aburub outline the steps they take and the tools they use to promote growth and action among their volunteers as they work to benefit underserved communities in their region.

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Notes from SIGHT's Steering Committee Meeting at GHTC

The 2017 IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee



members gathered for a face-to-face meeting on 19th October at the Global Humanitarian Technology Conference in San Jose, California, USA.

IEEE SIGHT has come a long way since its inception but the challenge we face is massive. The steering committee discussed the work we did this year and laid plans for next.

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IEEE SIGHT Workshop at GHTC

Tim Lee, Chair of IEEE SIGHT, moderated a workshop at GHTC. Panelists included representatives from Karachi Section SIGHT, Tunisia Section SIGHT, Santa Clara Valley Section SIGHT and Southern Alberta Section SIGHT.

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IEEE Women in Engineering and Humanitarian Technologies Panel at GHTC 2017

The IEEE Women in Engineering and Humanitarian Technologies Panel took place during the IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference with the theme "Inspiring more engagement of women in humanitarian-

technology-based projects at local communities."

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The 2nd IEEE SIGHT Training for Trainers Event at GHTC 2017

Eleven SIGHT volunteers and participants from IEEE chapters around the world engaged in an exciting round of brainstorming and problem solving at this year's Training for Trainers session at the Global Humanitarian Technology Conference.

Simay Akar, 2017 Engagement Subcommittee Chair and Pritpal Singh, 2017 Education Subcommittee Chair, conducted the training and the event was a success. A special thanks to the attendees.

SIGHT Paraguay Elects a New Chair



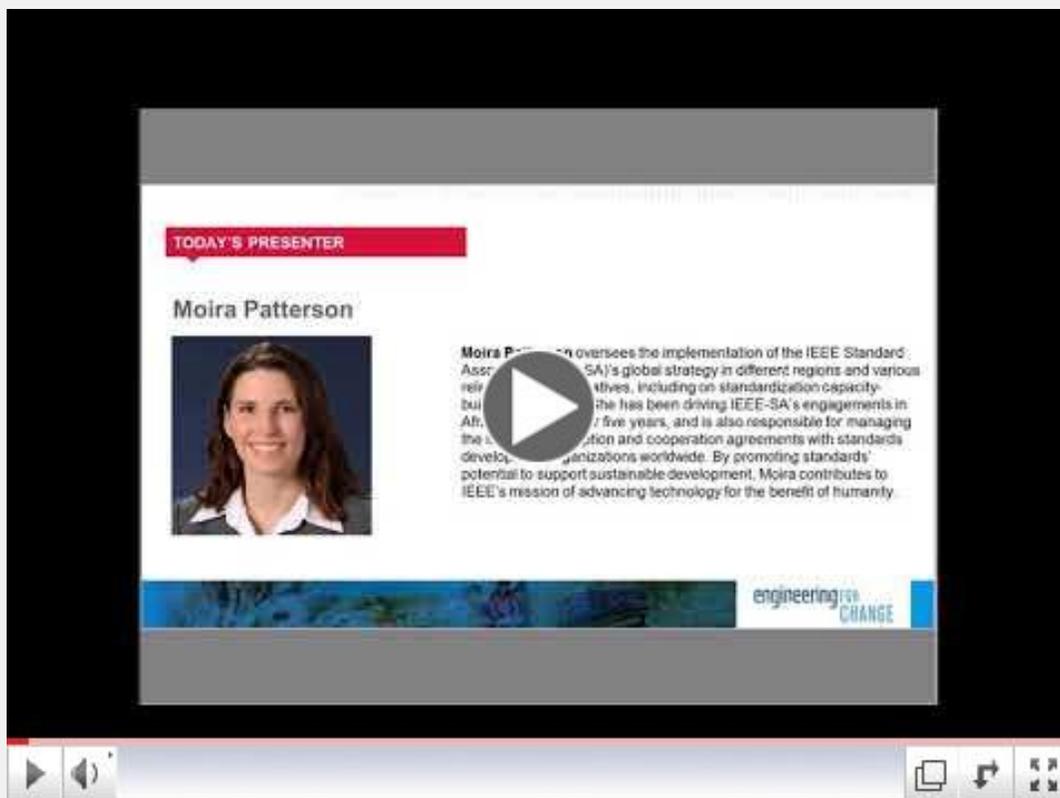
SIGHT Paraguay elected Osvaldo González to chair the chapter after the previous Chair resigned. Osvaldo is also a member of the IEEE UNA student branch. SIGHT Paraguay is active in underserved communities in region. In the latest example, last month five volunteers learned about fish farming (aquaculture) to help empower communities that lack of food security.

Video: The Next Generation of Standards (a recorded E4C Webinar)

Standards remain especially important for products that address the world's most critical challenges. This newly recorded E4C webinar focuses on standards for new and emerging technology in two of those critical sectors: sanitation and ICT.

View this video to:

- Learn about the needs that emerging standards address
- Hear updates on standards development
- Discover how to voice concerns and offer opinion about the creation of new standards



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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 announcements.

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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.

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Find a SIGHT

Professional and University SIGHT groups around the globe are partnering with communities and local organizations to leverage for sustainable development.

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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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