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Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology

NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Chair

This month has been packed with plenty of events, meetings, and great connections with IEEE SIGHT members everywhere! From my trip to India, to GHTC, to RRR in Guadalajara, it was a pleasure meeting all of you who were able to come out. You can see some of the pictures we took in this month's newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that the deadline for the Call for 2019 IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee and Subcommittee is **TOMORROW, November 1st**. Here is a clip of me presenting on this topic during a meeting at GHTC. I encourage anyone who wants to be an even bigger part of IEEE SIGHT to apply and join the Steering Committee. You can find the link to the Google form in the feature below.

Daniel Lottis
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Featured Stories

IEEE SIGHT 2019 Steering Committee and Subcommittees
Call for Applicants

IEEE SIGHT is pleased to welcome applicants for the **2019 Steering Committee and Subcommittees**:

- Projects & Assessment
- Operations
- Education
- Communications

Full information about the position descriptions and subcommittees can be found here. Please apply using the Google form: https://goo.gl/forms/kZSDVIA5c0WQRaTq1

Deadline is 01 November 2018.

First IEEE SIGHT Group in the United Arab Emirates!

We are thrilled to announce that we have a new country added to the reach of IEEE SIGHT. This month, the IEEE SIGHT Student Chapter at the American University of Sharjah became the first IEEE SIGHT Group formed in United Arab Emirates. This brings IEEE SIGHT'S reach to 44 countries. We are excited to see what kinds of interesting projects this student group has in store.

Photos from GHTC 2018

Earlier this month, the annual Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC) took place in San Jose, California and was able to bring together everyone interested in advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. IEEE SIGHT was part of several workshops organized by the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee.

See more pictures at sight.ieee.org

Local Humanitarian Opportunities: Making Your IEEE Membership Count for More
A recorded IEEE Day webinar

We celebrated IEEE day on October 2nd by hosting a webinar all about how IEEE members across the globe can engage in local humanitarian opportunities. This video is a great resource to share with your colleagues who are new to SIGHT and would want to learn more.

Video: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
A recorded IEEE SIGHT webinar

M&E is often overlooked as a secondary need both in business and development, with many thinking that traditional tools are too costly or time-consuming to monitor performance. Consequently, many organizations fall short of capturing the real impact on the beneficiaries of a particular project. The Lean Data approach is a response to this shortcoming that applies opportunities for experimentation with lean sources of data obtained through low cost technologies (LCTs) including SMS, e-mail surveys, phone calls, sensors, and voice responses in order to explicitly assess the impact perceived by the intended beneficiaries beyond the scope of financial flows or standard rates of return. Join Dr. Ku McMahan and Saad Usmani as we discuss the need for ongoing monitoring, the Lean Data approach, and SWFF M&E case studies.

Feature Your Group on the Newsletter!

Share news about your events, innovations and successes with the worldwide IEEE 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:

- We are open to stories long or short
- Must involve IEEE SIGHT
- Include photos! (with captions)
- Include Web links! (Interested people will want more information)

Please send correspondence to Shirley Cheng at shirley.cheng@ieee.org . Thank you!

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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.

SIGHT Membership

Find a SIGHT

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

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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