IEEE SIGHT

Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology

NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Chair

One of the key components of SIGHT is the emphasis on local engagement. We aim to build projects from the grass root level to ensure that the result is sustainable. It is also a goal of SIGHT to develop a global network of like-minded engineers around the world to share their ideas with one another and to move technology forward.

With that, I encourage everyone who can to come out and join me at the IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference next month in San Jose, California. I will be there along with several of my colleagues to engage in discussions closely aligned with SIGHT goals. I would love to see you there!

Daniel Lottis
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Featured Stories

Reminder: More Funding Opportunities Available for HAC and SIGHT!

The IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee (HAC) has added some additional funding opportunities to the end of the year. If you missed the deadline for the previous calls, now is your time to get funding!

SIGHT Projects
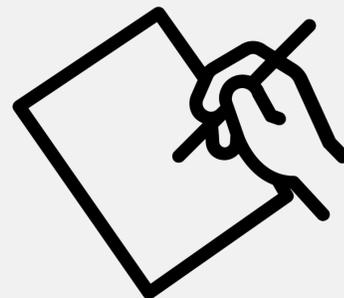**-15 October (subject to available funds)**

HAC Projects
-15 October (subject to available funds)

Conference Participation Program
-03, 17, 31 October (subject to available funds)

HAC Events
-25 October (subject to available funds)

Read more about the other opportunities available here.

IEEE SIGHT 2019 Steering Committee and Subcommittee
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.

IEEE Delhi SIGHT and HTC Village Event-Solar Pilot Micro Plant Installation

SIGHT volunteers from the IEEE Delhi Section SIGHT organized a trip to a small rural village to install micro off grid solar power units. These solar units helped changed the lives of the residents in this village and will become a pilot for future planning for similar projects.

Read more at sight.ieee.org.

Senapattinam Village Electrification Project

The team of students and professionals of IEEE RURAL UPLIFTMENT SIGHT have teamed up with Liter Of Light, a global open source movement which has an objective of lighting the un-electrified slums and villages. They visited Senapattinam Village where they found residents in need of safe and reliable light sources and helped them install units that will improve their lives in several ways.

Read more at sight.ieee.org.

Join us next month for the IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference 2018!

IEEE GHTC focuses on advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. This cross-disciplinary annual conference provides the perfect venue for those interested in humanitarian projects to join their peers in San Jose CA (USA) in October 2018.

This is a great opportunity to network, discover new resources, learn about what's new in the humanitarian space, and more!

Read more about the conference here.

The **IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee (HAC)** will be hosting a participatory workshop on **Technology and the Sustainable Development Goals** on **Thursday, October 18** from 8am - 5pm. Find out more information. Register for this workshop for FREE here.

Upcoming SIGHT Webinar: Monitoring and Evaluation

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.

Date: 1 October 2018
Time: 9 am EDT (convert to your time)

Join the webinar here!

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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