IEEE SIGHT

Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology

NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Chair

Dear IEEE SIGHT volunteers,

Greetings!

I'm happy to connect with you this month to share some exciting SIGHT program updates. First, our recent HAC/SIGHT's joint COVID-19 special call has received well over 100 proposals. Overall, we received 200+ proposals this year in the joint HAC/SIGHT proposal program delivering record-breaking growth in terms of the number of proposals received since HAC/SIGHT's inception. Thanks to all IEEE members who actively participated in these programs. Also, this novel joint HAC/SIGHT program is featured in the ITU's **WSIS Stocktaking - ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response** global report which highlighted the top 210 global programs that were delivered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another big win for SIGHT is that IEEE/IEEE SIGHT was recognized as one of the 100 global associations that will save the world by **Associations Now** in their recent article. I'm very delighted with SIGHT's stellar growth in the last two years and the recent global recognition which reinforces the fact that IEEE SIGHT is a truly global program and one of the most popular programs within the IEEE sustainable development space.

We had a vibrant month of SIGHT activities. I was excited to deliver a keynote talk at the virtual IEEE Region 8 Student Young Professional Congress. We had over 1100 members registered for the SIGHT session and I enjoyed interacting with the students and YP members on various SIGHT topics. Similarly, our regional members actively participated in the R10 IEEE Student Young professional WIE congress.

Next, I'm proud to announce the launch of "IEEE SIGHT Certificate Program" immediately available in the **IEEE Collabratec** portal to all IEEE SIGHT volunteers. You can now download your SIGHT membership certificate and proudly display it in the workplace. We are very thrilled to deliver this global recognition program for our members. Please send us your pictures holding your SIGHT membership certificates; we would love to highlight them in our communication channels with your consent.

We are actively fostering strategic partnerships with IEEE Societies, industry and key global players in the sustainable development space and are expecting to make key announcements in Q4 2020. We plan to organize the "2020 IEEE SIGHT Global Summit" in early December 2020 aligning with the annual SIGHT Week celebrations. This summit will provide a global platform to bring together IEEE members, key Industrial players and veterans of the sustainable development space to share their rich experiences and success stories. We are currently planning a plethora of activities including SIGHT volunteer contests, industry panels, workshops and many more fun filled events. We want to deliver the best experiences to SIGHT members attending this summit and are excited about planning for this unique program.

Please watch out for nomination announcements for IEEE SIGHT awards and SIGHT Steering committee appointments in late October. I encourage SIGHT groups to actively participate in both the programs. I look forward to connecting with you all on the upcoming ASK the Chair session scheduled on 17 October, 2020 where we can have a fireside chat on various SIGHT related topics.

I'm very impressed that we are able to take SIGHT's growth into newer heights. Volunteers like you are the pillar of the SIGHT program. Together, I'm confident that we are building a better tomorrow for the marginalized population!

I wish you all a wonderful IEEE day. Please stay well and healthy.

Best wishes for your safety and health,
Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan
2019 - 2020 IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee Chair

Major Highlights

IEEE SIGHT Was Recognized as One of the 100 Associations that Will Save the World

Read the Full Article Here

The HAC/SIGHT COVID projects program was featured in the '**WSIS Stocktaking - ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response**' (pp 316-317) dated 10 September 2020 (accessible on the **WSIS 2020 Outcomes page**). Ours is one of 210 contributions selected by ITU WSIS.

Launching IEEE SIGHT Membership Certificates Program

You can download your certificates in the **Collabratec portal**.

News from SIGHT Groups

The IEEE App: Your Global Gateway to IEEE

Discover IEEE's valuable resources and tools. Get geo- and interest-based recommendations, schedule and join meetups, download your IEEE magazines, receive the latest news, and locate members by location, interests, and affiliations. **Download the IEEE App today**!

News

IEEE SIGHT and Humanitarian Activities Panels and Workshops have been Held at Several Regional Events

- IEEE Region 8 Region 8 Virtual Student and Young Professional (vSYP) Congress's **keynote speech**
- IEEE Region 10 Student Young Professional Women in Engineering Life Member (SYWL) Congress's **panel session**

Share Your IEEE SIGHT Group News

We are excited to hear your news to support you on publicity after and before your event Please submit your news **here** from your activities and events and let us support you to spread out the word via IEEE SIGHT Communications channels

SIGHT Group Spotlight

Newly-formed SIGHT Group - Welcome to the SIGHT Community!

- Christ University Student Branch (India)

Get Involved - Join The Community

Important Dates & Upcoming Virtual Events

- Ask the Chair Session on 17 October, 2020
  - Please fill the **registration form** to get more details
- **SAC Webinar**: Humanitarian Initiatives by IEEE SIGHT Chair

    - 29 October 2020 11 AM EDT as Livestream on IEEE.tv

- **IEEE Day** on 6 October
- **IEEE IEEE Bangalore Humanitarian Technology Conference (B-HTC)** on 8 - 10 October
- **IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC)** on 29 October - 01 November - HAC/SIGHT COVID panel on 31 October

Visit the SIGHT **calendar** to learn about more upcoming HAC & SIGHT humanitarian technology events and activities (all virtual for the time being).

Support IEEE SIGHT

Donating to IEEE SIGHT through the IEEE Foundation means that you help provide a way for SIGHT to meet the needs of more IEEE volunteers, engage members through meaningful projects, and affect long-lasting impact in communities in need of technological solutions to development challenges. Funds donated at this time can be used to provide crucial financial support to COVID-19 related projects being conducted all over the world by IEEE members.

Become a SIGHT Member

Add SIGHT to your IEEE membership - it's free and open to non-members as well. Benefits include the monthly newsletter, first notice of HAC & SIGHT funding opportunities, and increased connectivity with the SIGHT Steering Committee, staff, and volunteer network.

SIGHT MEMBERSHIP

Join a SIGHT Group

Professional and university SIGHT groups around the globe are partnering with communities and local organizations to work together on sustainable development projects - **find your closest group**! If a SIGHT group does not exist in your area, visit the **SIGHT Toolkit** to learn how to create a new one.

JOIN A GROUP

Want More? Visit Our Website!

SIGHT's website is the place to find case studies, testimonials, **our blog**, and **learning resources** like **webinars** on sustainable development and project management.

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