

# Chapters and Membership Committee



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# Chapter Activity



- Many of our chapters are very active
- Our Chapter of the Year award goes to the Russia Chapter, which put together impressive events with significant attendance
  - The XII International Symposium on Problems of Redundancy in Information and Control Systems (St.Petersburg, 26–30 May 2009) – 60 participants. <http://k36.org/redundancy2009/>
  - Sixth Finnish-Russian University Cooperation in Telecommunications Seminar (Helsinki, Finland, 3-6 November 2009) – 227 participants. <http://www.fruct.org/>
  - IX International scientific and technical conference "Problems of informatics in education, management, economics and technics" (Penza, 28–29 October 2009) – 227 participants. <http://it.spu-penza.ru>
  - The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Professor L.M. Fink's birth.
  - Seventh Finnish-Russian University Cooperation in Telecommunications Seminar (St.Petersburg, 26-30 April 2010) – 240 participants. <http://www.fruct.org/>
- **Activities in the near future:**
  - Twelfth International Workshop on Algebraic and Combinatorial Coding Theory (ACCT 2010) (Akademgorodok, Novosibirsk, 5–11 September 2010) <http://math.nsc.ru/conference/acct2010/>
  - Region 8 SIBIRCON International Conference on "Computational Technologies in Electrical and Electronics Engineering" (Irkutsk, 11–15 July 2010). <http://sibircon2010.sibsutis.ru/>
- Special mention should also be made of the Taiwan, Waterloo, Beijing, Benelux and Japan chapters
- We have two new chapters: South Africa and Vancouver

# Current challenges and approaches



- Getting chapters to post their activities on our website
- Getting the Distinguished Lecturers program well used (this will be a significant topic at the Chapters Lunch)
- Proposed approach:
  - Gather some best practices from active chapters
  - Identify chapters that appear to be less active than their membership would lead us to expect and identify whether there are missed opportunities or other issues (under-reporting, reporting under another sister society)

# Membership trends



- Our membership seems to be slightly on the decline but there are signs of recovery
- Student membership is particularly encouraging

Society	Acronym	Number of Assets											Total Memberships
		H	LF	F	LS	SM	LM	M	AM	GSM	StM	AF	
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		141	221	66	454	97	1768	81	327	118	27	3300
2010/4													
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		141	223	66	450	97	1744	80	318	112	27	3258
2010/3													
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		141	221	65	443	97	1724	77	299	104	23	3194
2010/2													
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		136	220	65	434	95	1629	68	270	87	20	3024
2009/10													
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		148	218	68	473	105	2037	103	320	116	29	3617
2008/10													
IEEE Information Theory Society Membership	IT012		151	211	70	488	100	2023	134	333	129	20	3659