IEEE IT Society "Chapter of the Year Award" 2011

The IEEE Information Theory Society Membership and Chapters Committee has selected the Spain Section Chapter as the winner of the Chapter of the Year Award. The Chapter has been very active in promoting Information Theory and Coding within the country by organizing the successful 2011 IEEE Winter School of Information Theory held in March in Barcelona (http://www.dtic.upf.edu/~afaridi/WinterSchool) and the upcoming International Castle Meeting on Coding Theory and Applications (http://icmcta.uab.cat/) to be held in the Cardona Castle in Cardona, Barcelona. A third event being held in Spain that provides a bridge to the IEEE Communications Society is the 2011 IEEE Communication Theory Workshop. Several keynotes and sessions of this popular workshop are on information theory, coding, Shannon theory, and other mathematics of communications.

For more information on the Spain Section activities, please see the link: http://www.itsoc.org/people/chapters/region-8-europe-middle-east-and-africa/spain-chapter

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The Spain Section Chapter received the 2011 IEEE Information Theory Society Chapter of the Year Award for their contribution to spreading the enthusiasm for open problems in Information Theory. The IEEE Information Theory Society Spain Chapter was founded in 1996 by Professor Josep Domingo-Ferrer, as founding Chair, with Professor Josep Rifà-Coma as Vice-Chair. Last year, Professor Pedro Crespo was elected Chair of the Chapter. He has focused his efforts on organizing Information Theory-related events with the different universities and research centers in Spain. The Spain Chapter is using the web to publicize the activities related to IT thereby boosting collaborations among all IT researchers in Spain. This year in particular, Professors Angel Lozano and Ezio Biglieri organized the 11th Winter School of Information Theory at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Professor Juntti arranged an IEEE Communication Theory Workshop in Sitges, and Professor Rifa hosted the International Castle Meeting on Coding Theory and Applications in Barcelona. In addition, the researchers in information theory and signal processing for communications meet twice a year to align and discuss their research activities, to which a significant number of the chapter members contribute regularly. The last such meeting took place in July in the beautiful city of San Sebastian, where Professor Sergio Verdú gave an IEEE distinguished lecture on Non-asymptotic Information Theory while enjoying the outstanding local gastronomy and good weather. The Chapter is honored to receive the 2011 IEEE Information Theory Society Chapter of the Year Award and will continue to work on upgrading and expanding its efforts and activities.