Outreach Committee

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Overview

• Main activity since last report in January: Reviving the mentoring program

• We have established a new electronic signup form on the society webpage (jointly with Online Committee)
Mentoring program application form

This form allows you to sign up for the mentoring program of the IEEE Information Theory Society

First name

Last name

E-mail address

Affiliation

Role
  - PhD student
  - Postdoc
  - Junior Faculty
  - Senior Faculty
  - Industry

I am interested in being
  Select at least one of the following
  - a mentor
  - a mentee

Technical areas
  Choose at least one technical area from the following list
  - Channel coding
  - Coding theory and practice
  - Communication theory
  - Complexity and computation theory
  - Cryptography and security

If "other" technical area, please specify

Additional comments
  Enter any comments or suggestions

submit
Mentoring Program

- Call for participation in the program was sent out via the ISIT EDAS mailing list
- Response:
  - 6 senior faculty (as mentors, 100% society members)
  - 13 junior faculty (mainly as both mentors and mentees, 77% society members)
  - 10 postdocs (as mentees, 60% society members)
  - 5 industry (as mentees, no society members)
  - 43 Ph.D. students (as mentees, 37% society members)
Mentoring Program: Issues

• In total 14 available mentors => we need to convince more senior faculty to serve as mentor

• Current priority in assigning mentors: Junior faculty, postdocs

• Restriction to society members only?

• Should Ph.D. students be part of the program?
  – We may not accommodate them all.
ISIT Mentoring Event

- Get-together mentoring reception: Tuesday, 7-8pm, in Kresge Lobby