

Membership & Chapters Committee Report

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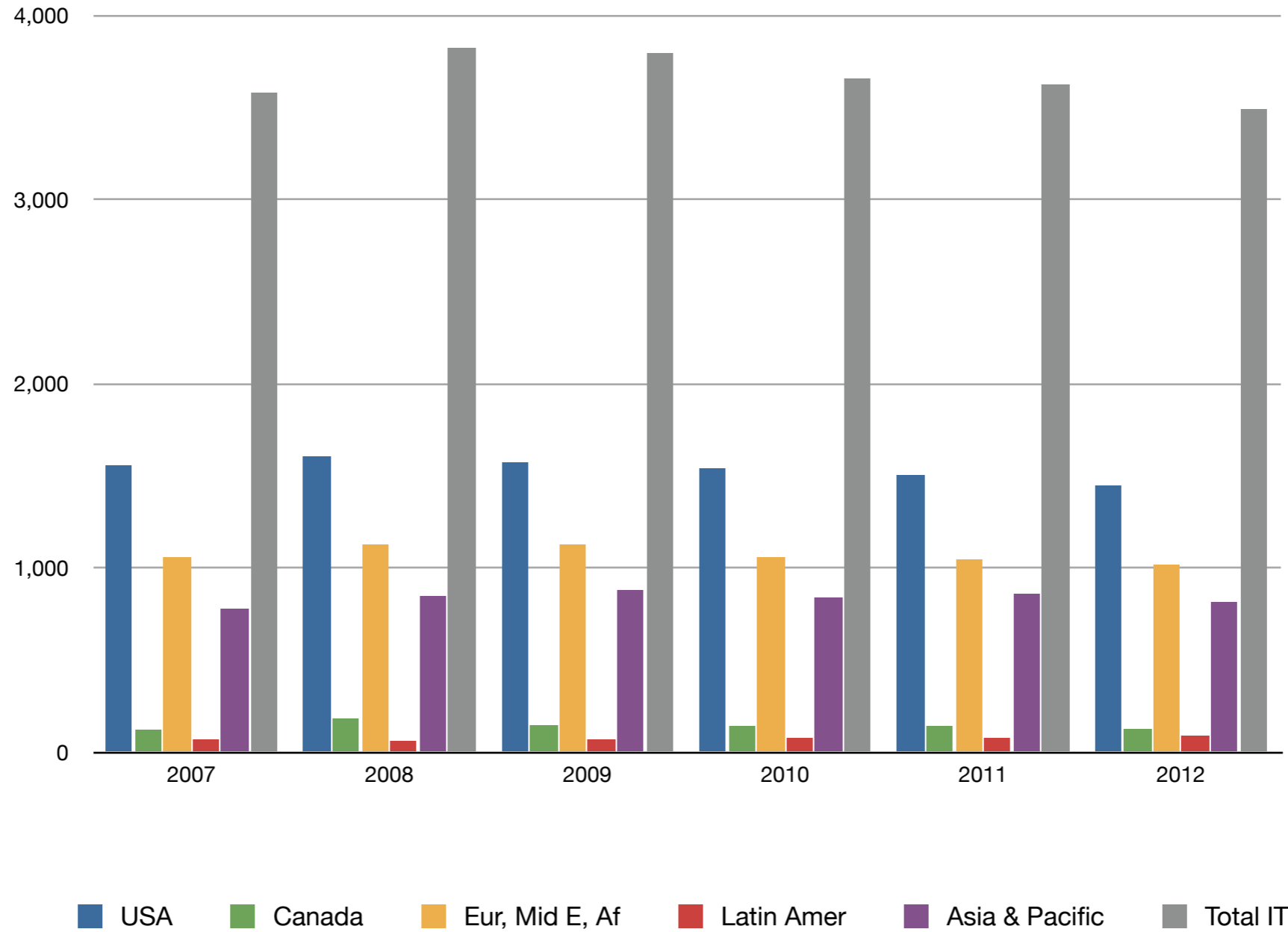
Committee Members

- Sae-Young Chung (2012-2013)
- Michelle Effros (chair, ex-officio)
- Michael Gastpar (2012-2013)
- Negar Kiyavash (2013-2014)
- Joerg Kliewer (2013-2014)
- Andrew Thangarai (2012-2013)
- Sriram Vishwanath (2013-2014)

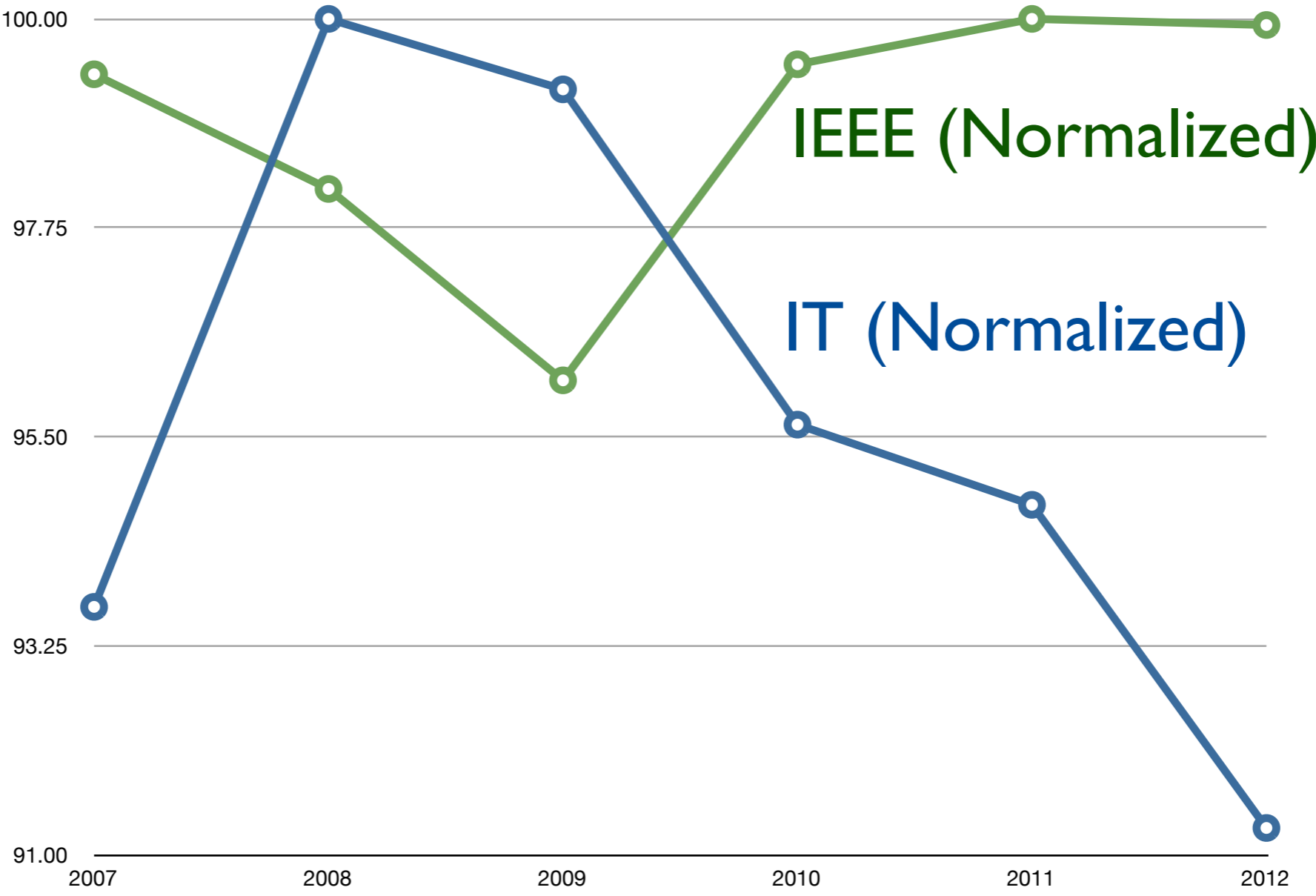
2013 Activities

- Membership
- Chapters
 - Gathered chapter updates
 - Organized chapters lunch
 - Selected Sweden as Chapter of the Year
 - Encouraged / approved DL events
- Approved selection of Padovani Lecturer

Membership by Geographic Region



Membership Trends



Chapter Activities

- Germany - ITG Conference on Systems, Comm, & Coding, 7 DL / speaker events, 2 technical committee meetings, initiation of a DFG priority project on compressed sensing, workshop on applied IT (fall + spring)
- Hong Kong - Post-Graduate Student Day, IDL, Taiwan / HK joint workshop on IT / Comm
- Japan - co-sponsor ISITA, travel support awards for young researchers, co-sponsored 6 technical meetings
- Montreal - 3 speaker events
- Netherlands - DL event, Cybersecurity meeting, WIC Symposium on IT in the Benelux, 2 chapter board meetings
- Seoul - short course on error-correcting codes, 2 1-day workshops
- Spain - ISIT / ITW bids / organization, Codes & Topology Workshop
- Sweden - 9 DL / speakers, co-organized Swedish Swedish Comm Tech Workshop, organizer of Wireless Vehicular Comm Workshop, technical co-sponsor of 2 conferences, initiated Best Student Conference Paper and Best Student Journal Paper Awards
- Taipei - IT & Comm Workshop (Spring + Fall), Schools of IT & Comm (Spring + Spring), 3 DL / speaker event, Taiwan / HK joint workshop
- Vancouver - 2 DL events

Chapter of the Year Award

- **Newsletter Announcement:**

The IEEE Information Theory Society Membership and Chapters Committee has selected the Swedish Joint Information Theory, Vehicular Technology, Communications, and Information Theory Chapter as the winner of the Chapter of the Year Award. The chapter has been actively promoting Information Theory and communications within the country through an inspiring list of distinguished speakers, a sequence of technical workshops, and a variety of innovative programs including the new Chapter Best Student Journal Paper Award and Best Student Conference Paper Award.

- **Citation:**

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Padovani Lecturer

- **Emina Soljanin** was selected as the 2013 Padovani Lecturer. Her lecture, titled “The Secret Lives of Codes: From Theory to Practice and Back” was presented at the 2013 North American School of Information Theory on June 5, 2013.