



President's Report

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IEEE Information Theory Society

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Thank You's

- **Muriel** for her service as President 2012
- **Helmut** for his service as Editor-in-Chief 2010-2013
- **Michelle** for organizing the Shannon stamp initiative
- **Aylin** for staying on top of things
- **Paul** for shepherding the
 - renaming: IEEE Jack Keil Wolf ISIT Student Paper Award
 - establishing: IEEE Thomas M. Cover Dissertation Award
- **Alon** for agreeing to Chair the External Nominations Committee
- Committee chairs (**Abbas, Deniz, Elza, Giuseppe, Jeff, Joerg, Matthieu, Michelle, Negar, Rob, Sriram**) for getting things done

Welcome

Yiannis as our new
Transactions Editor-in-Chief

News from TAB

- Meetings on Feb. 15-16 (Austin) and June 28-29 (San Diego)
- Publication ethics: citation count manipulation is being addressed (see file)
- IEEE TAB Society Review Feb. 14 (see file)
 - Committee had positive comments in general: see newsletter article
 - **Suggestions**: (1) expand non-academic membership and (2) consider developing formal strategic planning including milestones, metrics, responsible persons, and resources.
 - **Best Practices**: (1) 1st year free student membership, (2) up-to-date sub-to-pub metrics on web site, (3) monthly financial forecasting process
- IEEE Padovani fund: has grown to 70k, will grow to >110k
 - Roberto prefers to spend slowly and on North America
 - Otherwise, he wants us to decide how to use the money
 - Ad-hoc committee to gather ideas: Mike and Ubli

ITSoc New Initiatives

- **Student** Committee (Sriram/Deniz: see file), total \$4k
 - ITSoc Oscars Video Competition
 - Lunch with Shannon Award Winner
- **WITHITS** (Negar): 5 video interviews for \$8k
- **Online** (Matthieu): TBD
- **New Schools**: Australia, East Asia, India, South America
 - Plan to ask IEEE to use reserve money
 - Up to 3% of ITSoc reserves \approx \$100k
 - But total TAB spending limited to 1% of TAB reserves \approx \$1.8M
 - And there are already requests for \$2.8M from all societies
 - So we may have to live with much less than 3% (maybe \$50k ?)

ITSoc Issues



- **Budget:** we are going into the red for 2014, and sliding even more into the red for 2015 and 2016.
Reason: IEEE changed its distribution formula last year and is phasing it in during 2014-2016
Effect (according to TAB): new formula gives small societies with many Xplore clicks less, and gives large societies more (e.g., ComSoc budget is growing tremendously for 2014-2016)
- **Transactions:** getting too big to handle with the current model. Consensus is to reduce costs.
- **Schools:** 4 new school proposals for 2014. We hope to fund these for 2014 from reserves. New IEEE formula and the many TAB reserve funding requests may limit our options.
- **Transactions:** add an open access option? We likely must soon.