

Joint IEEE Communications & Computer Chapter, Ghana

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Statistics of the IEEE/Joint Chapter

Feature	Value
Birth of IEEE Ghana	5 th September 2008
Registered in Ghana	13 th / 14 th October 2011
❖ 5 Student Branches	As at 31 st Dec 2012
❖ One joint Chapter: - Communications - Computer	Approved by Societies on 29 th June 2012
Joint Chapter Launch	28 th September 2012 (With sponsorship from Ericsson Ghana)

Engagement of Members

■ Academia

- We have established SBs at 5 universities
- Appointed SB counselors
- Most activities of SBs are in COMSOC areas
- **Future development:** establish COMSOC student chapters within SBs

■ Industry

- Got Ericsson to sponsor launch of Joint COMSOC/Computer Society Chapter
- Lobbying with major ICT companies to appoint employees to serve on EXCOM

Achievements ???

- Nurtured a **local conference** to an **international conference**, called **IEEE Int'l Conference on Adaptive Science & Technology (ICAST)** www.icast-conference.org with scheduled meetings:
 - 2012: Held in Ghana
 - 2013: Pretoria, South Africa
 - 2014: Covenant University near Lagos, Nigeria
- **Professional Mentoring:** 4 PhD candidates
- **Industry engagement:** 2x marketing seminars at Ericsson Ghana

Future Activities

- Co-sponsor of yearly ICAST international conference
- Distinguished Lecturer program:
 - **Suggestion:** Organize 3 separate meetings in 3 cities (Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast) as our neighboring Chapters are “far” neighbors (South Africa & Nigeria)
- **WCET (Wir. Comms. Engg Certification)**
 - This could be motivational, but unless sponsored by employers participants may need some discounts.

Future organizational activity?

- **Create Joint Chapter Excom:**
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Technical Activities Coordinator
 - Treasurer/Secretary
 - Industry & Professional Bodies Liaison
 - Newsletter Editor

- **Launch the monthly research seminar series being planned in the two cities:**
 - Kumasi
 - Accra

Planned Research Seminar Speakers

24 July 2013	Grace Gyamfuah Yamoah	
	Amevi Acakpovi	
	Hillary Siewobr	
	Emmanuel Abekah	
	Edem Kwedzo Bankas	
August 2013	William Asiedu	
September 2013	Mr Godwin Ntow Danso	Survey of Data Management Architectures in Mobile Computing
October 2013		
November 2013	Kester Quist-Aphetsi	Visualization and Analysis of Crime Patterns Using Formal Concept Analysis
December 2013	Michael Delove	Student and Information System Usage

What to Do ...

- Create Facebook for Joint IEEE C016/C019 Chapter
- Create webpage for Joint IEEE C016/C019 Chapter
- Use download comsoc Ghana logo from www.comsoc.org

The Challenges???

- We need to create Comsoc brand in Ghana, something which requires advertising in local media.
- How to get IEEE and COMSOC people resident outside Ghana to support our growth through e.g.
 - DLP
 - WCET
 - Visit from COMSOC global leaders

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ICAST conference

- 25-27 Nov 2013, Pretoria
- www.icast-conference.org
- 15 July
- 2013: PAPER SUBMISSION
- <D:/AgaDocuments/Conferences/ICAST2013/Website/Index.html>

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