

Jamaica Chapter Report to the NA RCCC Globecomm 2014 December 7 – 8, 2014

Introduction

The Jamaica Chapter was established on 2nd November 1998 and has been hosting at least two meetings per year in close collaboration with the Jamaica Section.

The Jamaica Chapter engages its members through activities, which foster an exchange of knowledge and information on state-of-the-art and emerging communications technologies. Technical experts are invited to share their knowledge with professional and student members through presentations.

Goals & Objectives:

Our objectives for this Year 2014 are as follows:

- Increasing membership attendance and participation in meetings
- Push Member Engagement in collaboration with the Jamaica Section
- Host DLT if available.

Member Engagement Activities:

Chapter Meetings

1. An IEEE Jamaica Section Meeting / Presentation was held on Wednesday February 26, 2014 at 6:300 p.m. at the Engineering Conference Room, University of Technology (UTech). The topic: “Sensor Network and its environmental impact to climate change” by Mr. Christopher Udeagha, Lecturer in SCIT, UTech. The meeting was well supported by members, potential members and guests and we hope that the increased interest leads to additional members.
2. At the Jamaica Chapter Meeting on Wednesday September 10, 2014, Dr. Andre Coleman, Lecturer at UTech presented on the topic “Emerging Technologies, No longer a Spectator Sport”. The presentation highlighted the new materials being used in revolutionizing technology and was very well supported by both students and members.
3. The IEEE Jamaica Section/Comsoc Chapter celebrated IEEE Day on Tuesday October 7, 2014 by having an afternoon of events at the University of Technology. The afternoon started with a gathering and display of IEEE information including opportunities for development and activities performed as well as robots and other electronic gadgets developed by IEEE members and guests.

Communication Industry in Jamaica

Main growth area is in Broadband Internet.

Three main players

One full-service provider.

Challenges

The general challenge is to improve the level of participation by the Chapter members.