

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
OF
THE 1,000TH STUDENT PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS CONFERENCE

On April 11, 2012, the IEEE Student Branch and IEEE-HKN Chapter hosted the 1,000th Student Professional Awareness Conference (S-PAC) in the United States of America. This milestone was also the first Partnership S-PAC planned and sponsored by both organizations in our nation.

Several IEEE regional and national leaders attended this conference including Dr. Ralph Ford, IEEE Region 2 Director, Jim Look, IEEE-USA Vice President of Professional Activities, Vishnu Pandey, Chairman of IEEE-USA Student Professional Awareness Committee, John Paserba, incoming Chairman of IEEE Student Activities Committee, and Region 2 Student Activities Committee Chairman and Student Representative, Dr. Eugenio Villaseca and Michael McLaughlin.

The IEEE Student Professional Awareness Conferences and Student Professional Awareness Ventures (S-PAVes) Program was initiated in 1979. The focus of these activities is to provide information and skill development relating to the professional aspects of engineering.

By co-sponsoring this event, IEEE-HKN joined the IEEE Student Branch in receiving recognition for many years of outstanding achievements that include:

- Twenty (20) S-PACs from 1986 – 2012 (second highest in the nation)
- Seven (7) S-PAVes from 2000 – 2012 (highest in the nation)
- One of five (5) members of the IEEE Larry Dwon Hall of Fame for outstanding professional activities

The professional activities of IEEE organizations at Cleveland State University are excellent examples of a balance of technical and non-technical skill development provided by the Fenn College of Engineering. Therefore, it is appropriate that the 1,000th S-PAC was held at CSU.

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