

Conference Organizer Newsletter

Message from the VP-Conferences

By V. John Mathews

This edition of the Conference Organizers Newsletter will be my last as VP-Conferences. This means I am able to say "Thank you" one more time to you, the volunteers without whom there would be no SPS conferences. I know that not everyone appreciates the time and energy you devote to creating the best possible conference experience for the attendees. Please accept my gratitude for all your efforts and all the positive impact you have made, and will continue to make, in disseminating signal processing research results through our conferences and workshops.

I have greatly enjoyed my interactions with you all. I am hopeful that, during the last three years, you have seen the Society's conference services staff placing substantial emphasis on supporting the volunteer activities, be it through help with negotiating contracts, navigating the multitude of IEEE policies and procedures, publicity, helping to close your conference once the event has concluded, or any number of other areas. I thank Lisa Schwarzbek, our conference services manager, and her staff for their dedication to the success of our conferences and the volunteer organizers of these events.

In addition, I am proud of many significant accomplishments of the Conference Board during the past three years. Our conferences and workshops have been held on six continents during this time. The Conference Board supported the creation of policies that have provided substantial discounts on conference registration

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fees to members of the Signal Processing Society greater than those available to IEEE members. The Society has made monetary resources available to students and members from developing countries to help them to attend our conferences. We have initiated the new conference series, ESPA – IEEE Conference on Emerging Signal Processing Applications (www.ieee-espa.org) – aimed primarily to our members from industry. The board has tightened the quality control on the conferences our Society financially sponsors as well as those that we technically co-sponsor. During the past three years, the Conference Board has truly enhanced the quality of our conferences, improved access to our conferences, and increased the services to our volunteer organizers. Most of our conferences are already the best in their area. Through the activities described above, we are well on our way to accomplishing the goal of making each of our conferences and workshops the best in its focus area.

Professor Wan-Chi Siu will take over as Vice President – Conferences of the Society on January 1, 2012. He brings to the job a remarkable background, having organized an ICIP as well as an ICASSP. I know that he has the passion to bring our conferences and workshops to an even higher level of excellence, while building consensus among our volunteer leaders and continuing strong momentum towards even greater technical conference successes. I wish Wan-Chi and all of you the very best in the coming years. I look forward to enjoying the fruits of your efforts at the many conferences I plan to attend.



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Welcome to Our Newsletter...

Welcome to the IEEE Signal Processing Society Conference Organizer Newsletter. In each bi-monthly edition you will find informative articles about planning and implementing an IEEE-SPS conference.

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Upcoming Conferences	Call-for-Paper Submission Deadlines	Locations	Conference Dates
IEEE International Conference on Emerging Signal Processing (ESPA)		Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	January 12-14, 2012
2012 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)		Kyoto, Japan	March 25-30, 2012
2012 IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)	January 6, 2012 Abstract Track	Barcelona, Spain	May 2-5, 2012
2012 IEEE 13th Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wireless (SPAWC)	January 30, 2012	Cesme, Turkey	June 17-20, 2012
2012 The 7th IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop(SAM)	December 30, 2011	Hoboken, NJ, USA	June 17-20, 2012
IEEE International Conference on Multimedia & Expo (ICME)		Melbourne, Australia	July 9-13, 2012
2012 IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop (SSP)	February 15, 2012	Ann Arbor, MI, USA	August 5-8, 2012
2012 IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)	May 7, 2012	Santander, Spain	Sept. 23-26, 2012
2012 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)	January 12, 2012	Orlando, FL, USA	Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2012
2012 IEEE International Workshop on Information Forensics (WIFS 2012)	June 24, 2012	Tenerife, Spain	December 2-5, 2012