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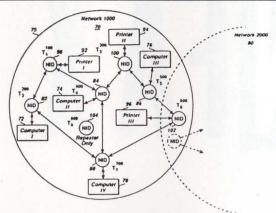
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# Catalyst to the Founding of the Chicago Section

By George M. Thomas, IEEE Chicago Section, History Committee Chairman

he year was 1893 and it was an exciting time to be living in Chicago. The city was hosting the World's Columbian Exposition honoring 400 years since the discovery of America. The fact that the event was one year late did not upset attendees as people flocked to Jackson Park on May 1 to witness the President of the United States, Grover Cleveland, open the Fair. This was also a great time to be an electrical engineer or electrician since developments in electrical technology were moving rapidly and the Fair would showcase much of this development in the last decade.

This was also a defining time for our own Chicago Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers because the section claims the title as the first local section created by the AIEE. We can thank the leadership of a few Chicago members who demanded more from their Institute membership besides traveling to New York to participate in the discussion of presented papers.

The "Institute" was established in 1884 in New York. At that time there was no American national scientific society representing the rapidly growing art of producing and utilizing electricity. Further, the International Electrical Exhibition (IEE) was to be held in Philadelphia in the fall and no American electrical society existed to receive the foreign visitors with proper honors. Of the elected and appointed vice-presidents, managers and directors of the new AIEE, there were several prominent names from the industry including Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Edison, Prof. Edwin J. Houston and our own Prof. Elisha Grav from Chicago. These men who formed the AIEE were not just engineers but electricians, former telegraphers, manufacturers, academics and businessmen. Electricians lacked formal education in electricity and usually came from the telegraph industry but they were no less interested in electricity.

The first AIEE meeting was held at the Franklin Institute during the IEE and annual meetings were held thereafter. Chicago was selected as the site in 1892. During the year, the Institute would hold monthly meetings in New York, reading papers submitted by members and discussing the topics addressed in the papers. These papers would receive peer

review before being printed in the Transactions of the AIEE.

The big issue at that time was not the telegraph but the distribution and use of electrical power for lighting and electrical railways. Edison backed the DC approach with incandescent lighting, DC transmission lines and DC motors. He said AC was unsafe. George Westinghouse proposed AC and had the able-Croatian Nikola Tesla working for him on polyphase motor design. With AC you could operate at higher voltages and use transformers to step-down the voltage at the user premise. Edison's system suffered higher line losses by operating at lower voltages resulting in reduced distribution distances and poor regulation. It was Westinghouse's company that won the lighting contract at the World's Columbian Exposition, and it fulfilled the contract by providing 12 1000-hp two-phase alternators. Two single-phase alternators were coupled on a common shaft with field windings displaced at 90°.

Providing magnificent illumination of the grounds, buildings, fountains, waterways and the sky search-lights meant that

electricity had indeed arrived challenging the need for natural gas. It was not only lighting that was being powered, but an elevated railway operating within the fairgrounds. Electricity was not just being demonstrated but was being used to power all aspects of the Fair including the exhibits and even the launches on the lagoon with batteries below deck.

The Fair was referred to as the White City, where artists, architects, engineers, sculptors, painters, and landscape architects joined forces to create a single work - an ideal model city. The Exposition's main buildings, designed in an ornate, neoclassical style, were constructed under the direction of Daniel Burnham. Intended as temporary structures, the buildings were created from staff, a mixture of plaster of Paris and hemp, that was polished until it gleamed like marble. The White City influenced architecture across the country for years to come. Following the Fair, hundreds of towns built city halls, libraries and other buildings with tall columns and high narrow windows.

Inside the Electricity Building visitors could find all the competing firms. The General Electric Company with Edison's tower of light, dynamos, lamps and even electric toys were shown. The Thomson-Houston Company displayed their arclighting apparatus (both Thomson and Houston were original AIEE members). Not to be undone, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company was demonstrating one of Tesla's 500 horse-power generators along with the complete power plant located in Machinery Hall which powered the Fair. The Western Electric Company of Chicago demonstrated how their products such as telephones, wire, fire alarms and other apparatus were manufactured. Lightning bolts would bring attention to an Egyptian temple and on the temple walls would be native figures processing the company's products in front of a queen. Next to this display was that of the American Telephone Company that maintained a constant telephone connection to New York for all to witness. It was not only American companies present but English, French and German companies as well. Even Japan had an exhibit. Electricity was certainly making a big impression at the Fair as was the

great mid-western city - Chicago.

The issue of sanctioning local branch meetings of the AIEE was not a new one since it was brought up at Institute meetings before. If the local entities wanted to meet on a social basis there should be no harm. However, if they wanted to be autonomous entities it could weaken the Institute. The main concern voiced was to discourage the local publishing of papers. Technical papers were approved by the Committee on Papers and with only 700 potential authors of papers, it was difficult to obtain the desired quality. I can see this being the case when you had to compete with the likes of Charles Steinmetz who was a frequent contributor. The fear was that a local chapter with only 20 to 30 members would be attempting to publish in the Transactions a paper of dubious quality submitted on the basis of a favorite son. However, if a branch was prohibited from publishing a paper of good quality, it might then submit the paper to a local competing association and, thereby, weaken the Institute. One thing that the Institute was clear on was that it wanted to control the publishing of papers in the Transactions. Local chapters could discuss a paper already appearing in the Transactions or even discuss the same paper as it was being read in New York. This appeared to be an acceptable compromise.

Another issue was related to a turf war. If Chicago was to be designated a local chapter, what does that make of New York? New York definitely had more members but membership to the Institute was not restricted to just the United

States. There were Canadian members as well and other cities were seeking the status of a local chapter. Even with New York's relatively large membership, they were still only drawing 30 to 35 people at their monthly meetings. Chicago was capable of drawing 20 to 25 by itself. Still, New York considered



Over 400 members and guests attended the Centennial Celebration and dined in the rotunda of the Museum of Science and Industry.



Barry Brusso, chairman of the Chicago Section, shows off a plaque given by IEEE President Martha Sloan recognizing a Century of Achievement.



The IEEE Regional activities Board recognizes the Chicago section as being 100 years old. Chicago Section members Ed Capouch, holding banner on the left, Howard Wolfman on the far right and Len Cohen third from the right accept the recognition.



The Westinghouse exhibit in the Electricity
Building at the World's Fair. The company received
the contract for powering the fair.





Interior views of Electricity Building, World's Columbian Exposition, 1893.

itself the "Institute" and was not about to take a lesser role in the local meetings issue.

What helped the Chicago group was the fact that the World's Columbian Exposition was being held in Chicago and, more importantly, the International Electrical Congress was to hold its meeting during this time. As with the International Electrical Exposition of 1884, the AIEE wanted to be a significant contributor to this interna-

tional event that was defining and naming the units and measures of electrical properties for use worldwide. The AIEE had five delegates at the Paris meeting in 1889 and the Frankfurt meeting in 1891 and now it formed a committee two years in advance of the meeting in Chicago since it felt it so important. Because of these two events, many prominent national and international figures from the electrical industry were traveling to Chicago that summer.

The Institute was given meeting rooms in the Electricity Building and an informal meeting was held by Chicago members on a Saturday night, September 2. Guests invited included the president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, W. H. Preece (to travel from London, England to the World's Fair took almost ten days and many Europeans made the trip). Also in attendance were Institute members from San Francisco and New York. The Institute secretary, Ralph W. Pope, called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine if local Institute members would have an interest in holding occasional local meetings in order to enjoy the benefits of Institute membership. The annual Institute dues were \$10 per year and a trip to New York to hear a paper was quite a commitment. Pope was given authority by the Institute's President Houston, of Thomson-Houston fame, to hold this meeting and to learn about the wishes of the local members. As Dr. Keith of San Francisco pointed out, San Francisco had a local organization of over 100 members who would prefer to align with a national association like the Institute if they were welcomed. It should be remembered that since 1869 Chicago had the Western Society of Engineers. Although not strictly an electrical association, it still represented potential local competition. It should have been obvious to the Institute leadership that by making some kind of deal with the local groups, the Institute could grow enormously outside of New York. In fact that is what Mr. Preece suggested based upon his own experiences in England.

Mr. Pope continued the meeting and mentioned that the Armour Institute had offered the use of its rooms for the purposes of conducting local meetings. One of the rooms could hold over 2,000 people. Professor Wilbur Stine had shown the facilities to one of the delegates and found them to be quite impressive. What was interesting was that Armour Institute had yet to open its doors to its first student. That would not occur until September 14 when inaugural classes began.

Alumni of the Illinois Institute of Technology know the story of the "million dollar sermon" delivered by Chicago minister Dr. Frank Gunsaulus who said that with a million dollars he would build a school where students of all backgrounds could prepare for meaningful roles in a changing industrial society. Philip Danforth Armour, the Chicago meat packer and grain merchant, heard Gunsaulus' sermon and came to share the minister's vision. He agreed to finance the endeavor with the stipulation that Gunsaulus become the first president of Armour Institute and that he remain for five years. He stayed for 30. That sermon was in 1890, but by 1893 the Armour Institute was attracting over 400 students in the fields of mechanical, electrical and mining engineering. In 1895 Lewis Institute was founded and in 1940 the two schools merged to form the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Therefore IIT has the claim of holding the first Chicago Section meeting. In 1906, the Armour Institute, then called the Armour Institute of Technology, formed an AIEE student section with Lewis Institute following suit in 1908.

Now with adequate facilities it was only necessary to canvass the membership to determine if the Chicago AIEE members indeed wanted to hold local meetings. A committee was formed for this purpose.

The next regular meeting of the Institute was on September 20 where incoming AIEE President Edwin Houston gave

his inaugural address. He, like others, attended the World's Fair and the International Electrical Congress (IEC) and

wanted to share what he witnessed. He had high praise for Chicago and the Great White City but he was most impressed by the progress made in the electrical field since the Philadelphia International Exhibition of 1884 when the AIEE was founded. Through the American Bell Telephone Company he was able to have an extended conversation between Chicago and New York. He was able to view countless new inventions and improvements to apparatus and distribution of power. He was especially proud of the fact that of the 30 papers presented at the IEC, no less than half were authored by

AIEE members. He was pleased that the IEC had designated the Henry as the unit of measurement for self and mutual inductance in honor of American Professor Joseph Henry. He was not happy that the meetings were held at the Art Institute instead of the fairgrounds. The site was noisy and not conducive to the work at hand. It should be remembered at that time our beautiful lakefront was actually a railroad yard. Houston concluded by saying that much of the success of the IEC could be contributed to the efforts of the AIEE.

Later that evening, Charles Steinmetz re-introduced the issue of authorizing local meetings. He, however, was not proposing Chicago but Lynn, Massachusetts! It seems that Lynn had a local organization called the Thomson Scientific Club of Lynn and they wanted to retain their local group but become members of the AIEE. The AIEE was rapidly gaining national prestige but the desire to retain local governance remained strong. Steinmetz added one other condition and that was to allow a member, who had a paper approved, the option of presenting the paper at the local branch instead of before the general organization. No action was taken but the Institute secretary suggested that local organizations should propose their intentions to the Institute. In other words, the Institute was not going to act unless it was presented with a concrete proposal.

# Samuel Insull



Samuel Insull was one of the original signers of the petition for local meetings in Chicago. He was a significant contributor to the growth of Commonwealth Edison.

## Signer of the Petition

ne of the more colorful of the 21 signers of the petition to have local meetings in Chicago was Samuel Insull of the Chicago Edison Company. Samuel Insull was born in London, England in 1859. In 1879, he became a secretary for George A. Gouraud, one of Thomas Edison's agents in England. He came to America in 1881 at age 22 to be Edison's personal secretary. In 1886, Insull became an associate member of the AIEE although he was not trained as an engineer. The AIEE membership requirements were quite open but the grade of member was usually reserved for professional engineers.

Edison recognized his astute business skills and he became general manager of the Edison General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y. in 1889. When the Edison

General Electric Company merged with Thomson-Houston Company to become the new General Electric Company in 1892, Insull left to become President of the struggling Chicago Edison Company.

Insull was knowledgeable about power generating equipment and was a believer in the economy of large centralized distribution systems. Under Insull's direction, Chicago Edison bought out all of its competitors and then constructed a large central power plant along the Chicago River at Harrison Street. By 1907, all of Chicago's electricity was being generated by Insull's company, a tribute to his economic management. In that year, the company became the Commonwealth Edison Company.

A potentially big customer for electricity was the elevated trains and Insull was interested in discouraging them from producing their own electricity. Thus began a long relationship with electric railways and Commonwealth Edison. Insull was active in consolidating the separate elevateds and became part of management of a holding company for the elevateds at the same time being their supplier. Insull's holdings and wealth increased as he acquired more transportation properties creating a utilities and transportation empire.

The Great Depression collapsed the Insull empire and its highly leverage holding company. He was badly overextended and so when his companies went bankrupt one by one, so did he. He ended up living out his years on a small pension from his business interests. His problems were not over. When his holding company went into receivership, many lost their life savings and he became a hated man. He decided to return to Europe but in the US he was indicted on charges of bankruptcy, embezzlement, and using the mails to defraud investors. He was extradited back to the US to face trial but was acquitted on all counts. Some felt he had been made the scapegoat for the stock market crash and the excesses of the times. He returned to Europe where in 1938 he died of a heart attack in a Paris subway.

References: Chicago-I.org and "Engineers & Electrons," IEEE Press

At the very next meeting of the Institute on October 18, Secretary Pope, with the thoroughness of an engineer, presented a very detailed paper on the "Monthly Meetings of the Institute." The Institute followed closely the rules of the American Institute of Mining Engineers that called for one annual meeting and two regular meetings. However, special meetings could be called whenever the Council saw fit and the secretary shall call a special meeting on a requisition signed by fifteen or more members. So to have a local meeting was to simply call a special meeting. However, not everyone saw the issue that way and there was much discussion including a proposal from Dr. Emery. The issue was not resolved that night so the president appointed a committee to propose a solution to the local meeting question.

At the very next meeting on November 15, the five committee members submitted their Report on Local Meetings which reflected much of the feelings expressed at the meeting before. They said it was desirable to have local meetings for the reading and discussion of papers accepted by the Institute as long as 20 members requested for this to occur. An Honorary Secretary, from the local group, would be appointed by the Institute to serve as a communication channel between the local group and the Institute. The local group could appoint their own chairman and the group would need to bear any expenses related to holding the meetings. The submission and publishing of papers would still be controlled by the Institute. The Honorary Secretary would report on the discussions occurring at the local meetings or any comments on the papers. The committee did not endorse the establishment of autonomous sections or branches. That would come in later years. For now, local meetings were strictly limited to the reading and discussing of papers being presented in New York. The report was thoroughly debated but was accepted by the Institute. However, the Institute bylaws were not changed since this was going to be an experimental policy. Some members said they would be surprised if anything came of the policy change.

In February 1894, Mr. Edward Caldwell of Chicago sent a petition signed by 21 AIEE members to the Institute requesting that local meetings be held in Chicago. The signers requested that Mr. Caldwell become the Honorary Secretary and the Institute complied.

On March 21, 1894, the first local meeting was held at Armour Institute, simultaneously with a meeting in New York. Mr. Hibbard of the Chicago Telephone Company was elected Chairman for this meeting and approximately 45 members and guests heard Mr. D. C. Jackson read a paper by Professor W. A. Anthony entitled, "On the Effect of Heavy Gases in the Chamber of an Incandescent Lamp." Mr. Hibbard had arranged a telephone hookup with New York creating what would appear as a joint meeting. Additional meetings were held in April, May and September and continued in future years until 1902 when a more formal arrangement of local sections was organized by the AIEE. However, Chicago was still recognized as the first local section with an establishment date of 1893.

Fast forward to 1993 for it was a time to

celebrate the Chicago Section's 100 years of existence by having a Centennial Celebration. On February 27, 1993, the IEEE Honors Ceremony was held in Chicago and Barry Brusso, Chicago Section chairman accepted a "Century of Achievement" plaque from President Martha Sloan. The Regional Activities Board presented the section with a Centennial Banner.

The Chicago Section created a Centennial Committee that decided to hold its celebration at the Museum of Science and Industry. This was only fitting since this building is the only one remaining from the World's Columbian Exposition having served as the Palace of Fine Arts. The date was October 9, 1993. Exactly 100 years before it was Chicago Day at the Fair when a record 700,000 people passed through the gates. However, at the Centennial Celebration, 400 members and guests had the run of the museum that had its own exciting exhibits in recognition of its history at the World's Fair.

There were hors d'oeuvres and music and dinner was served in the museum's rotunda that was decorated with historical posters identifying key developments in electricity and electronics over the last 100 years. There was an active display of World War II communications equipment allowing members to reminisce about their signal corps days. Merrill Buckley, past president of the IEEE and board member, expressed his best wishes and congratulations to the section. Len Cohen, current section chairman, received a plaque from John Powers, IEEE general manager. Len had in his possession an original Chicago Day ticket to the Fair.

The keynote speaker at the event was John Hogan of the Commonwealth Edison Company who spoke on the 100year history of the company and the contributions made by founder Samuel Insull who was one of the original petitioners for local meetings in Chicago. After the dinner, the presentations and the speeches, people were free to wander the museum halls and marvel at the contributions made to mankind through technology and the advancements made in electricity since 21 AIEE members petitioned New York to hold local meetings in the city that created the Great White City.

### Missing SCANFAX Issues

The history committee would like to complete its collection of past Scanfax issues and much work is needed. For those of you who throw out nothing and need more room or for those looking for a loving home for your IEEE archives, please pass them on to the committee. In terms of Scanfax issues here is what is currently missing:

All issues before 1970 1971 – Jan., Feb., Apr., June, Dec. 1981 – Nov. 1970 – Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June 1972 – Jan., Feb., June 1997 – Dec.

Any help would be appreciated.

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# Supporting IEEE's Effort to Create a Jobs Website for its Members

#### By John Zulaski

#### Looking for Work

Those of you who have had the misfortune of being unemployed in the last year or two are keenly aware of the daunting task of finding a comparable position that meets your needs. The staff of IEEE has recently introduced a jobs search web-site to try to make the job hunting process a little easier. The web-site went on-line in June of 2001 and though in the startup mode, has shown rapidly increasing activity. So far over 2700 employers have posted job openings and 25,000 IEEE members have posted their resumes. This activity level is expected to continue at a strong page this year.

#### **IEEE Job Site**

You will find the web-site at http://www.ieee.org/ by clicking on services, then clicking on the IEEE Job Site. Once on the site you can view the currently available positions and search them based on location, company, expertise, etc. You will be disappointed at the lack of job postings for the Chicago area. There are several reasons for this. The slow economic situation, of course, doesn't help. The real reason is that IEEE staff has been focusing on a small number of pilot programs to work out the bugs that could be expected to occur with any large project. The changes needed to cure problems encountered have now been implemented and an effort to significantly expand usage of the web-site is now underway.

#### Using the Web-site

In order to create your "ideal job" profile on the Jobs Site, you must be an IEEE member. Once your profile is posted by clicking on "IEEE Members" and filling out the registration form, you will have the ability to make changes to your profile at any time. More importantly, you will be notified when there is a match between posted jobs and your profile. There is no charge for a member's use of this site. Now there's a bargain that's hard to beat. The web-site also offers the capability to search existing job postings by technical areas of expertise, job title, and location.

Companies can find the best candidates faster and with reduced hiring costs. Once registered, posted jobs are matched to the candidates profile. Since these profiles are exclusively IEEE members, the quality of the matches is superb. The cost of posting job openings is quite low compared to other avenues, particularly when you consider that the pool of candidates is pre-qualified by the fact that they are IEEE members.

#### Chicago Section Participation

The Executive Committee of the Chicago Section has been asked and has agreed to participate in the promotion of the IEEE Jobs web-site. The primary venue will be through advertisements and articles in Scanfax to make it's 6000 Chicago-area members aware of this exclusive web-site and its benefits. As an inducement, the Job Site is offering to share the revenue associated with the job postings of local companies with the Chicago Section. But the biggest inducement is the benefit that our members can derive from a truly effective jobs-search aid.

#### Can you help?

The web-site will be of little value if no one uses it. At the present time, the number of job postings for the Chicago-area is much too low. The Job Site staff has done their job of offering a potentially significant service. We need your help in making this service known to organizations that hire electrical, electronic, computer, and other electro-technology and information - technology professionals. Contact your Human Resources professionals and others with hiring responsibility, to make them aware of this web-site. Then, please fill out the form at http://www.spectrum.ieee.org/jobsite/hrman agerform/including the name of your recruitment manager and indicating the IEEE Chicago Section and click send. You will be doing your organization, yourself and your fellow Chicago section members a big favor.

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# "Beam Me Up Scotty," Fact or Fiction? Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Prem Kumar, IEEE Fellow

#### **About the Topic:**

I am sure anyone watching an episode of Star Trek wonders whether the Transporter is for real or not. Advances in quantum communication, cryptography, and computing are clearing up some of the fog that surrounds fact from fiction. In this talk, we will boldly go where no one has gone before, culminating with a discussion of some of the contributions that the Northwestern team is making to this field.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Prem Kumar is Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, and Director of the Center for Photonic Communication and Computing at Northwestern University. He joined Northwestern in 1986 after spending five years at MIT as a research scientist. He received a Ph.D. in Physics from SUNY/Buffalo in 1980. His research focuses on the development of novel fiber-optic

devices for ultrahigh-speed optical and quantum communication networks. His current research is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Army Research Office, and the Office of Naval Research. His professional services have included: Panel Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Topical Editor, Optics Letters; Member, OSA Publications Council; Editorial Board Member, Journal of the European Optical Society B - Quantum and Semiclassical Optics; Principal Organizer, 4th International Conference on Quantum Communication, Measurement, and Computing, Northwestern University, 1998; Chair and Member of several program committees for national and international conferences sponsored by the OSA, APS, and the IEEE; Vice Chairman, LEOS/IEEE Chicago Chapter, 1990/91. He is an Advisory Board Member for Baird Venture Partners in Chicago. IL and serves as a Scientific Advisor to Santel Networks, a startup in Newark, CA.

#### Location:

IIT's Rice Campus, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton. Take Rt.56/Butterfield Rd. to first stoplight east of intersection of Butterfield & Naperville roads. Turn north onto East Loop Road (Grady's Restaurant and Phillip's 66 Gas Station on the corners); the campus will be on the right about a block north of Butterfield Road. More detailed directions and a map are available at http://www.rice.iit.edu/directions.html

#### Sponsorship:

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#### Time:

6:00 PM Networking Time 7:00 PM Presentation

#### **Reservations:**

Reservations are not required.

# <u>Evening meeting</u>

IEEE Communication/Computer Society Chicago Chapters (Joint with IEEE Fox Valley Subsection)

High Speed Mobile Data Services and Technology Thursday, September 18, 2003

#### Jack Kozik

#### About the Topic:

Across the world, mobile telephone service providers have been upgrading their radio and switching infrastructure to support high speed mobile data services. As consumers we see this marketed to us with service names like "Sprint Vision" or "Verizon Wireless Express" or "AT&T Wireless mLife." This talk gives an overview of the technology, discusses interoperability with WiFi and HotSpots, and a survey of the applications, focusing on the technical, economic and market challenges that engineers face.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Jack Kozik is Director of the Network Services Architecture Department in the Mobility Solutions Group of Lucent Technologies in Naperville, IL, USA. His organization is responsible for planning the evolution of Lucent's Mobile Network Services products. Recent areas of focus include interoperating

network services with IP services and the evolution of prepaid services. He holds three patents in the areas of mobile network security and Internet telephony. Jack received his BS degree in Computer Science ('79) and an MS ('81) in Electrical Engineering, both from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN, USA.

#### Location:

IIT Rice Campus, Room 166

#### **Directions:**

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#### Time:

6:30 PM Social (Free Snack and Beverages) 7:00 PM Presentation

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#### For More Information:

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# Global Wireless Education Consortium (GWEC) A Workshop on Wireless Technologies Friday, September 19, 2003

Satyajit Doctor, President, Award Solutions, Inc.

#### **Workshop Highlights**

SESSION I - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Introduction to Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi)

Wireless LANs (802.11b/WiFi) have taken the residential and enterprise markets by storm. Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs) have sprung up all over the world, offering WLAN access in public places to the increasing population of WLAN users. Now some of the world's most powerful Mobile Wireless Operations have entered the market with a much more powerful value proposition: broadband WiFi access in hot spots combined with their existing 2.5G/3G data services. This seminar presents a technical overview of the IEEE 802.11 and 802.11b (WiFi)Wireless LAN technologies, their evolutions and how WLANs would work with 2.5G/3G wireless networks.

### SESSION 2 - 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM 3G: Beyond 1x and GPRS

1x and GPRS networks have been successfully deployed by operators in the last 1-2 years. Even UMTS deployments have started in Europe and Asia. As operators start offering new packet data services over these networks, the w eless industry is looking beyond these networks to support even higher speeds and high-end multimedia services. This seminar presents a technical overview of evolution for current networks, which includes 1xEV-DO, 1xEV-DV, HSDPA and ALL-IP IMS networks. The seminar will present the network architecture, important features, data rates and benefits of these networks. It will also include and overview of services possible over these networks.

#### Location:

Motorola Museum of Electronics Auditorium, Door 65, 1297 East Algonquin Rd, Schaumburg, IL; Enter Motorola using Gate A, the far west gate from Meacham Rd.

#### Time:

Check-in and refreshments at 8:00 AM

#### **Reservations:**

Register now at www.gwec.org/events.cfm *Fee:* \$99 one session, \$159 both sessions. Full-time students: \$30 one session, \$49 both sessions. Credit card, purchase orders, invoices and checks accepted.

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# EVENING MEETING

#### IEEE-IAS/IES Dinner Presentation

Load Monitoring and Load Management through Emergency System Interface Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Tom Palmer, Inland Detroit Diesel

#### **About the Topic:**

Mr. Palmer is going to give a presentation pertaining to the monitoring of critical loads and management of critical loads. He will talk about strategic load application and load shedding through the use of monitoring locations and utilizing electrically operated breakers and transfer switches in conjunction with PLC logic, software and communication interfaces.

#### About the Speaker:

Mr. Palmer is the Vice President of Inland Detroit Diesel. He has over 25 years of generator set application experience in several states including Illinois. He currently lives and works in Chicago and has extensive experience with Midwestern code applications and the City of Chicago Emergency Code. He is a member of the Electrical Generators System Association (EGSA), has sat on the EGSA Board of Directors and also on the Standards and Technical Committee.

#### **Location:**

Costa's (Greektown)
340 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60661
Costa's is located in Greektown on the corner of Van Buren and Halsted.
For detailed directions and a map, see www.iaschicago.com.

#### Time:

5:30 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Presentation

#### Cost:

Your cost includes the presentation and a four-course dinner with a choice of the main entrée Roast lamb, Chicken, or Fish. (Vegetarian or special dietary meals available upon request). Cost is \$25 IEEE Member and \$30 non-member. Valet parking is included with your meal.

#### **Reservations:**

Call IEEE at (800) 898-IEEE or (630) 493-4333 with your reservation. Note any special meal requests at that time. You can also make your reservations on line at www.iaschicago.com.

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# Chicago/Rockford IEEE Consultants' Network The Consultant as an Expert Witness Monday, September 29, 2003

Benjamin D. Miller, PE, President and Owner B. Miller Engineering

#### **About the Topic:**

Mr. Miller will provide an overview of expert witness work. He will discuss what is involved in testifying as an expert, how to get started, and some of the legal and ethical responsibilities for experts. He will also provide examples of cases from his own practice.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Ben Miller is president & owner of B. MILLER ENGINEERING, and the Chair of the Chicago/Rockford Consultants' Network. He specializes in industrial controls, machine safety, power systems, electrical accident and fire investigation, and electrical safety training. He is on the adjunct faculty at Oakton Community College, where he teaches several technical classes.

#### **Meeting Location:**

Palatine Public Library 700 North Court Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-1216

#### **Dinner Location:**

Bakers Square 270 E. Northwest Highway (at the corner of North Court St. just south of the library).

#### Time:

6:15 PM Optional Group Dinner at Bakers Square (Order off of the menu, reservations are not required).

7:30 PM Meeting 9:00 PM Adjourn

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Meetings are generally held on the last Monday of odd-numbered months.

# **EVENING** MEETING

# IEEE Fox Valley Subsection and IIT-Rice Campus Fermilab Accelerators: Past, Present and Future Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Dr. G. William Foster, Fermilab

#### **About the Topic:**

Thirty-five years ago Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory - the highest energy Particle Physics laboratory in the world - constructed the world's most powerful subatomic particle accelerator.

Twenty years ago Fermilab reinvented itself as an antimatter-matter collider. Accelerators were reborn using superconducting magnets.

Today competitors are copying Fermilab's technology to produce larger and more powerful accelerators, and Fermilab is expected to lose its status as the world's highest energy accelerator. Fortunately, particle accelerator physicists are never short of new ideas. Three leading contenders for Fermilab's next project are described, as well as the ways that they might fit on (or off) of the Fermilab site.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Born in Madison, Wisc., Bill Foster and his younger brother founded Electronic Theatre Controls in 1974, now the largest manufacturer of theater lighting equipment worldwide. In 1979 he returned to physics, getting his Ph.D. from Harvard looking for Proton Decay. Instead the experiment found a burst of Neutrinos from Supernova 1987a, for which Foster was the co-recipient of the 1989 Rossi Prize in cosmic ray physics. At Fermilab he built electronics for the CDF detectors, was a co-author on the CDF Top Quark discovery paper, designed integrated circuits for the Supercollider, designed and built over 500 accelerator magnets in use at Fermilab, and developed experimental superconducting magnets. In 1998 he was awarded the IEEE Prize for Accelerator Technology.

#### Location:

IIT's Rice Campus, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton, IL. More directions and a map are available at:

http://www.rice.iit.edu/directions.html

#### Sponsorship:

IEEE's Fox Valley Subsection and Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for Professional Development (Rice Campus).

#### Time:

6:00 PM Networking Time 7:00 PM Presentation

#### Reservations:

Reservations are not required. The Fox Valley subsection web page is at: www.ieee.org/foxvalley/

# **EVENING** MEETING

# SAE Chicago Chapter/IEEE EMC Society Chicago Chapter 42Vdc-The Next Generation Automotive Battery System Tuesday, October 14, 2003

Norman Traub, Director of Electrical Initiatives, SAE International

#### **About the Topic:**

All vehicle manufacturers are faced with the challenge of providing more electrical power to offer increasingly fuel efficient and safer vehicles with additional customer features. This can best be accomplished by raising the system voltage provided by the on-vehicle "utility company."

For approximately the last nine years, vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers have been discussing the most cost effective way to provide the higher amounts of energy being forecasted. All are in agreement that global cooperation and standardization will be needed. This presentation will outline efforts by the automotive community to provide a degree of standardization to the process and will define some of the technical challenges facing implementation in

production vehicles including the impact of 42V on electrical arcing of contacts.

#### About the Speaker:

Norman L. Traub is the SAE Director of Electrical Initiatives, including the 42V Initiative. Traub has lectured extensively on 42V electrical systems, including the SAE World Congress, International Power Electronics Conference, International Society of Automotive Transportation and Technology. He is a member of the MIT/Industry Consortium on Advanced Automotive Electrical/Electronic Components and Systems (50 multi-national companies). He is also the chairman of the SAE 42V Advisory Committee. Traub received holds a MSEE from Michigan State University.

#### **Meeting Location:**

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#### Time:

6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting Start

#### **Reservations:**

Steve Laya (Elite Electronic Engineering) Phone: 630-495-9770

#### Information:

IEEE EMC Society:

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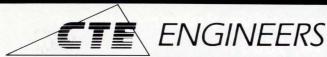
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