



IEEE BENELUX CHAPTER IAS/PELS

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING REPORT 05/04/2001

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Location: Eindhoven University of Technology

Present:

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1. Reporting on activities of 2000

Three technical meetings were held during the year 2000

- On 15 May a presentation by Bertrand Hontele titled “LED’S IN LIGHTING ELECTRONICS” was held at the Philips Lighting in Eindhoven. About 30 people attended of which about a third were IEEE members.
- Dr. Ron Harley, Duke Power Company Distinguished Professor of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA, presented a seminar in his capacity as IEEE IAS Distinguished Lecturer on “SOME NEURAL NETWORK APPLICATIONS TO ELECTRICAL MACHINES”. Dr. Harley gave his presentation on 5 October in Delft and 6 October in Leuven, and 26 and 27 people attended these meetings respectively.

2. Role of chapter in Benelux

- Present a forum to exchange information in the technical fields of the societies
- Since the Chapter forms part of a very large international network the Chapter finds itself in a unique position to convey information on the recent trends in the technical fields
- Host international speakers (IEEE Distinguished Lecturers Program)
- Cooperate with societies such as the EPE and EMVT-Vereniging

3. Organization of activities

The website can be exploited better to the benefit of the members.
Some possibilities are:

- promote use of IEEEExplore
- links to paper presentations by members

The membership database should be updated regularly. We could contact Bob.Myers@ieee.org, the administrative officer of both IAS and PELS.

Other links: member lists of EMVT and EPE. If these lists are not available, the information can be forwarded through the respective organisations.

A key point is also the participation of industry, e.g. to present a relevant piece of technology. Also student participation has to be encouraged.

4. Activities of 2001/2

On an annual basis two time slots are selected: April and November.

Another IEEE distinguished lecturer (Prof. Tinti from Padova) will be invited for a presentation about “EMI-EMC”. In 2002, a meeting will be organised in Ghent.

5. Officers

Last year no elections were held. However, IEEE wants to seek rotation, so it is inevitable that changes in the board of officers take place in the near future. For the time being, the board of officers remains the same.

Chair: J.A.Ferreira (TUDelft)

Vice-Chair

The Netherlands: M.Hendrix (Philips, TUEindhoven)

Belgium: J.Melkebeek (Univ. Gent)

Secretary: J.Driesen (KULeuven)

Treasurer: H.Polinder (TUDelft)

In the future, formally, one of the two vice-chairs could become president-elect (Jan Melkebeek is candidate) and could go to the chapter’s meeting for a smooth transition. The other vice-chair could then have a PR-related function (website, contacts..).

6. Other points

An inter-society agreement has been signed between IAS, PELS, PES and IES that involves closer cooperation between the respective societies. The question was raised whether the chapter should seek closer cooperation with the two other sister societies in the Benelux.