

2012 North American Region Chapter Chair's Congress

**December 6-7, 2012
Grand Californian Hotel
Anaheim, CA**

NA RCCC Goals

- **Have an open mind and desire highly interactive sessions**
- **Identifying ideas for organizing successful chapter activities, increasing and retaining membership/membership upgrades**
- **Identifying chapter issues/concerns propose solutions and action items**
- **Networking with fellow chapter chairs**
- **Increase leadership knowledge/skills**

Housekeeping

- **Meeting Rooms - Sorrel Room A/B, Grand California Hotel**
- **Coffee Breaks & Meals**
- **Banquet – Thursday Evening (need head count)**
- **Hotel Issues – Carol or June**
- **Expense Reimbursements**

Agenda

Thursday, 12/6 AM

- **Opening Greeting – Nelson Fonseca**
- **Attendee Introductions (name, # of years in ComSoc, chapter, location)**
- **ComSoc President's Welcome – Vijay Bhargava**
- **President-Elected – Sergio Benedetto**
- **Membership Development – Mehmet Ulema**
- **Marketing & Industry Relations – Stan Moyer**
- **Coffee Break**
- **ComSoc Finance – Bruce Worthman**
- **Administration and Support – Carole Swaim & John Pape**
- **Lunch**

Agenda

Thursday, 12/6 PM

- CoY/CAA winner Montreal Chapter presentation – Manijeh Khataie
- Chapter Chair Introductions (1/2 chapter) (organization, activities, issues)
- Coffee Break
- Technical Presentation: Nanoscale and Molecular Communication Networks – Steve Bush
- Group session on Organizing Successful Chapter Meetings – *Mehmet Ulema, Yigang Cai, Gabe Jakobson, T. Scott Atkinson, Wahab Almuhtadi*

Agenda

Friday, 12/7 AM

- Chapter Chair Introductions (1/2 chapter)
- Panel Discussion on NA Chapters issues/concerns and solution – *Mehmet Ulema, Yigang Cai, Gabe Jakobson, T. Scott Atkinson, Wahab Almuhtadi*
- Coffee Break
- WCET Wireless Certification – Rulei Ting
- Summing Up – Yigang Cai

NAR Chapters Overview

- **ComSoc NA Region: IEEE Regions 1-7, 20,000+ ComSoc Members, 94 Chapters**
- **2012 NA RCCC on December 6-7 at Anaheim, CA during GlobeCom**
- **Strategic Discussion Meeting (SDM) – Focused intensive half-day meeting with key regional leaders**
 - **Introduced in Fall 2008**
 - **Complimentary to RCCC**
 - **Has proven to be very effective (plus low cost) tool of understanding local ComSoc operational issues and planning for specific actions**
 - **target SDM for Regions 2 and 3 in 2013**
- **Continue strong DLT/DSP programs for NA chapters.**
- **Strengthen and keep focus on the needs/plans/issues of local chapters and members.**
- **Strengthen education program for local chapters. Explore an educational program/workshop for training new chapter chairs.**

IEEE/ComSoc North America Region Board 2012-2013

- Chair **Yigang Cai**
- DLT Coordinator **Debi Siering**
- Region 1 Representative **Paul Zorfass**
- Region 2 Representative and Student Activities **Paul Cotae**
- Region 3 Representative and Industry Relations **John Spencer**
- Region 4 Representative **John Poust**
- Region 5 Representative and Membership Development **T. Scott Atkinson**
- Region 6 Representative and Technical Activities **Zhensheng Zhang**
- Region 7 Representative and Information Support **Wahab Almuhtadi**
- Director MPD **Mehmet Ulema**
- Past Director **Gabriel Jakobson**

2012 NAR DLT/DSP

- **3 DLT arranged in Region 5, 6 and 7 respectively**
 - **Prof. Arun Somani of Iowa State University for a DLT in 5 chapters in Region 6 (January)** (Orange County, San Fernando Valley, Buenaventura, Foothill, San Diego)
 - **Prof. Fabrizio Granelli of University of Trento for a DLT in 8 chapters in Regions 3 and 7 (June)** (Eastern North Carolina, Canada Atlantic, New Foundland & Labrador, Fredericton, St. Maurice, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa)
 - **Dr. Mischa Dohler of Centre Tecnologic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya for 7 chapters in Regions 5 and 6 (November)** (Austin, San Antonio, Phoenix, Dallas /Ft Worth, Houston/Galveston Bay)
- **2 DSP in Region 1 and 4**
 - **Dr. Zhensheng Zhang in North Jersey Chapter (October)**
 - **Prof. Arun Somani of Iowa State University in Chicago Chapter (November)**

NAR Perspectives 2012-2013

- **Introduce educational program/workshop for training new chapter chairs**
- **Exploring opportunities to increase chapter funding**
- **Strengthen and keep focus on the needs/plans/issues of our local chapters and members.**
- **Encourage inter-regional cooperation and experience/knowledge/events sharing**
- **Revisit our existing programs of industry and students involvement and research/define new initiative that make significant and visible advancements in those programs.**