

IEEE Surpasses 400,000 Members

Marks the Seventh Consecutive Year of Overall Membership Growth

15 March 2011 – IEEE, the world's largest technical professional association, announced it reached the 400,000 member mark for the first time in its history. By the end of 2010, total IEEE membership had surpassed 400,000, making it the seventh consecutive year the association had experienced membership growth. Additionally in 2010, student membership reached 100,000 for the first time. The organization also experienced an overall increase in IEEE's almost 40 technical society memberships over 2009, led by increases in Communications, Computer, and Power and Energy.

IEEE, a global association, is dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. Through its highly cited publications, conferences, technology standards, and professional and educational activities, IEEE members are authorities on a wide variety of areas ranging from aerospace systems, computers and telecommunications to biomedical engineering, electric power and consumer electronics.

IEEE's membership growth has occurred across the globe. On average, IEEE membership has been growing approximately two percent annually for the past seven years. Despite the economic environment, from 2008 to 2010 total IEEE membership increased seven percent and student membership grew 21 percent.

IEEE Member and Geographic activities indicated that the membership performance is being driven by a robust integration of corporate and volunteer membership development initiatives, and an enhanced focus on the needs of each individual member.

"The consistent pattern of membership growth that IEEE has been experiencing is a testament to how valuable our publications, services and membership benefits are for advancing the careers of today's current and future technical professionals," said Howard Michel, director and vice president, IEEE Member and Geographic Activities. "As our membership grows, our peer-to-peer network continues to expand, bringing more scope and depth to our already very diverse membership. Our membership campaigns are designed to reinforce the wide range of professional development opportunities that abound within IEEE, which are critical in today's job market and economy."

In addition to membership growth, IEEE has also been expanding its operations globally. In late 2010, IEEE announced the opening of its first office in Bangalore, India and the relocation and expansion of its office in Singapore. Membership in the Asia Pacific region finished 2010 with more than 90,500 members, an increase of 65 percent since the year 2000.

IEEE is issuing a limited edition coin to commemorate the 400,000 member milestone and giving 400 away in a random drawing. IEEE members who renewed their 2011 membership by 25 February 2011 were eligible.