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SCANNING THE ISSUE

Welcome to the first issue of FLASH!, the newsletter of the IEEE AP/ED/MTT North Italy Chapter, which collects the recent activities and accomplishments of our Members, as well as the ongoing initiatives within the Chapter scope.

First of all, the Chapter is honored to annouce two outstanding achievements. More in detail, <u>Prof. Roberto Sorrentino</u> (Università di Perugia) has been awarded the 2015 Microwave Career Award from the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society. Moreover, <u>Prof. Roberto Graglia</u> (Politecnico di Torino) has been elected the new President of the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society.

There are good news concerning our dissemination activities. The Chapter has recently published its new website (www.ieee-apedmtt.it), as well as its Twitter account (https://twitter.com/ieee apedmtt ni). Please visit them and do not hesitate to suggest modifications, or to propose news and events to be posted.

Finally, I would like to bring your attention to the open grants and awards targeted to students: please spread the word on these important opportunities.

You will find much more news and information in the Newsletter, the preparation of which would not have been possible without the help and support of the Members of the FLASH! Board, as well as of all the Chapter Members. I hope you'll enjoy it!

Giacomo Oliveri Chapter Chair ELEDIA Research Center Università di Trento

AT A GLANCE

The IEEE Antennas & Propagation/Electron Devices/Microwave Theory & Techniques North Italy Chapter is currently one of the largest chapters of the IEEE Italy Section. Its members belong to several different Universities, Research Centers, and Industries located in more than 150 cities in Italy.

The total number of active members is reported below.

Role	Members
Student Members	42
Regular Members	288
Senior Members	69
Fellows	27
Total Members	426

[Source: SAMIEEE - January 2015]



MEET THE CHAPTER

Recent initiatives, awards, and events

AWARD

The IEEE MTT Society has awarded the **2015 Microwave Career Award** to <u>Prof. Roberto Sorrentino</u> (*Università di Perugia*).



Prof. Sorrentino is the first Italian to receive this award since its inception in 1973. The Microwave Career Award recognizes an individual (IEEE member) for career of meritorious achievement and outstanding technical contribution in the field of microwave theory and techniques, and has been awarded to several prominent scientists, including Mumford, Wheeler, Whinnery, Weber, Cohn,

Tomiyasu, Oliner, Marcuvitz, Matthaei, Young, Cullen, Pucel, Saad, Kurokawa, Rosen, and Itoh.

Info: www.mtt.org/past-awardees-microwave-career-award.html

PROJECT INITIATIVE

The project HySolarKit, proposed and patented by researchers from the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Salerno, aims to develop an after-market kit to convert a car into a Hybrid Solar Vehicle, so reducing fuel consumption and emissions.

The kit, already tested on a FIAT Punto, can be applied to every front drive car, at a fraction of the investment cost with respect to buying a new hybrid car. Due to partial recovery of the braking energy, to the optimization



of two propulsion systems and to the free solar recharge, fuel savings up to 20% in typical urban driving can be achieved, starting from tests and studies recently published by the Italian researchers. Moreover, car emission standards can be upgraded (i.e from Euro 3 to Euro 4 and so on), so allowing accessing to Limited Traffic Zones. Vehicle control is achieved via OBD port, without accessing or modifying the original ECU. The prototype, which has been also selected as a symbol of future green cars in the movie "Asphyxia", has recently attracted attention from Chinese investors.

Further details at www.hysolarkit.com

DOCTORAL COURSES

The Members of the chapters have been recently involved in several ESoA Doctoral Courses (ww.esoa-web.org), including the following

- "Microwave Imaging and Diagnostics", Madonna di Campiglio, Trento, March 24-28 2014;
- "Arrays and Reflectarrays", Louvain-La-Neuve (Belgium), September 29-October 3 2014;
- "Antenna Synthesis", Napoli, October 13-17 2014
- "Transformation Electromagnetics for Antenna Design", London (UK), January 28-30 2015.

Please check the Chapter website for updates on the location and availability of future courses offered by the Chapter members.

ELECTION

<u>Prof. Roberto Graglia</u> (*Politecnico di Torino*) has been elected as the new **President of the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society**.



The Society includes more than 8500 members all over the world, and its field of interest include antennas, radiation, propagation, and applications and systems pertinent to antennas, propagation, and sensing, such as applied optics, millimeter- and sub-millimeter-wave techniques, antenna signal processing and control, radio astronomy, and propagation and radiation aspects of terre-

strial and space-based communication, including wireless, mobile, satellite, and telecommunications.

Info: www.ieeeaps.org

AWARD

The organizing committee of the International Conference on Numerical Electromagnetic Modeling and Optimization for RF, Mi-



crowave and Teraherz applications (NEMO 2014), held in Pavia, Italy, 14-16 May 2014, has awarded the **Student Paper Competition Award** to <u>Alberto Tibaldi</u>, Ph.D student at the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications (DET) of the Politecnico di Torino, for the paper: "Analysis of diffraction gratings by the Mortar-Element

Method," co-authored by A. Tibaldi, R. Orta, O. A. Peverini, R. Tascone, and G. Virone.



AWARD

The IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society has awarded the **IEEE** Antennas and Propagation Society Pre-Doctoral Research Award to Christian Zambiasi, Ph.D student at the ELEDIA Research Cen-



ter of the University of Trento. Ing. Zambiasi has been awarded for the project "Tolerance Evaluation of Multi-layered Antenna Array Architectures through Interval Analysis", which has been evaluated by the IEEE AP-S Award committee in terms of creativity, quality, and technical interest. The project will be developed at the ELEDIA Research Center of the University of Trento.

Additional info at www.ieeeaps.org



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WORKSHOP

The first joint International EUROSOI Workshop and International Conference on Ultimate Integration on Silicon (EUROSOI-ULIS 2015) took place in Bologna, Italy, from Monday through Wednesday January 26-28, 2015. The aim of the first joint EUROSOI-ULIS Conference was to provide an open forum for the presentation



and discussion of recent research in technology, physics, modeling, simulation and characterization of advanced nano-scale and micro-scale semiconductor-on-insulator and silicon-compatible devices. Papers in the More Moore, More than Moore and Beyond CMOS domains (in-

cluding the use of alternative semiconductor and dielectric materials, innovative devices architectures, device-circuit co-design, etc.) were presented during the Conference. This year, the conference program featured 5 invited papers and 45 oral presentations, which were ca-

refully selected by the TPC. Moreover, one workshops was organized with the aim of presenting the state of the art of III-V compound semiconductors characterization, modeling and integration into mainstream CMOS technologies and to present recent advancements in industry-oriented TCAD software for III-V based devices. About 130 participants including graduate students, researchers and Ph. D scholars from various institutions attended the event.

MINI-COLLOQUIUM

The ED Italy Chapter organized a one day Mini-Colloquium activity

on Nov. 4 2014 at the University of Bologna. Seven distinguished lectures were delivered by Profs. E. Sangiorgi, M. Rudan, A: Lacaita, M. Ostling, S. Cristoloveanu, F. Maloberti and P. Tenti. More than sixty people attended the Colloquium. This activity provided a good opportunity for Master student, Ph.D scholars, and



young researchers to interact with some of the Europe's top researchers.

Additional details: http://eds.ieee.org/dl.html?eid=79

GRANTS AND AWARDS



Two (2) travel grants (amount: 300 Euro) are made available to students interested to attend the 27th EU-PROMETA Doctoral School on Metamaterials entitled "Electromagnetic, acoustic, and thermal invisibility" organized at the University of Roma Tre, Rome. To participate, send your request to the school coordinator Prof. F. Bilotti (bilotti@uniroma3.it)

Additional info: school.metamorphose-vi.org

Two 2015 Raj Mittra Travel Grants are made available to partially support travel by one young and one established doctoral scientist to attend the 2015 IEEE Int. Symposium on Antennas and Propagation in Vancouver, Canada, July 19-25, 2015.

Deadline: February 2015.

Additional info: www.ieeeaps.org/pdfs/2015_Raj_Mittra_Travel_Grant.pdf

Open applications for members and students

The ICEAA-IEEE APWC 2015 award is established to recognizes the author(s) who present at the ICEAA - IEEE APWC conferences an exceptional paper in terms of content and impact on Electromagnetics. Candidates must submit electronically their contribution to according to the Conference standards.

Submission of abstracts deadline: March 13, 2015

Additiona info: www.iceaa.net



The 2015 MTT Project Connect initiative is established to bring an exceptional group of undergraduate students to the IEEE IMS conference. Approximately thirty students from underrepresented groups will be carefully selected through a competitive application process. Deadline: February 2015.

Additional info: www.ims2015.org/project-connect-m

The 2015 PhD and Masters Student Fellowships of the IEEE Electron Devices Society are now open. These awards are presented annually to promote,

recognize, and support graduate and masters level study and research within the EDS field of interest. For both Masters and PhD, it is expected that at least one fellowship will be awarded to a student in each of the following geographical regions: Americas, Europe/Middle East/Africa, and Asia/Pacific.

Deadline: May 15, 2015 Additional info: *eds.ieee.org* Awards are now open. The IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) awards up to six \$1000 pre-doctoral scholarships and up to ten \$2500 PhD fellowships each year to encourage students to pursue a career in the area

year to encourage students to pursue a career in the area of Electromagnetics.

Deadlines: April 1, 2015 (first competition) and Novem-

ber 1, 2015 (second competition)

Info: www.ieeeaps.org/pdfs/APResearchAwardAnnouncement_2015-16.pdf

The application for the 2015-2016 Pre-Doctoral/PhD Fellowship Research

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Next calls at the national and international level

Program	Title	Dealine	Link
EMBO: European Molecular Biology Organization	EMBO - Workshops	March 1, 2015	www.embo.org/funding-awards/courses-workshops
NATO Program	Nato Science for Peace and Security (SPS) - Advanced Study Institutes (ASI)	March 1, 2015	www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/85291.htm
	Nato Science for Peace and Security Programme (SPS) - Multi-years projects	March 1, 2015	www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/85291.htm
	Nato Science for Peace and Security (SPS) - Advanced Research Workshops (ARW)	March 1, 2015	www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/85291.htm
	Nato Science for Peace and Security (SPS) - Advanced Training Course (ATC)	March 1, 2015	www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/85291.htm
Horizon 2020	Excellent Science - ERC - Consolidator Grant 2015	March 12, 2015	ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/op-portunities/h2020/calls/erc-2015-cog.html
	IMI 2 - Call 3: Stage 1	March 24, 2015	www.imi.europa.eu/content/stage-1-14
Google awards	Google faculty research awards	April 15, 2015	research.google.com/university/relations/research_awards. html
Horizon 2020	Excellent Science - Research infrastructures	April 21, 2015	ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/op-portunities/h2020/calls/h2020-infrasupp-2015-2.html
	Societal Challenges - Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials	April 21, 2015	ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/op-portunities/h2020/calls/h2020-sc5-2015-two-stage.html
	Societal Challenges - Smart, green and integrated transport	April 23, 2015	ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/op-portunities/h2020/calls/h2020-mg-2015_twostages.html
	Excellent Science - Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Scheme (RISE)	April 28, 2015	ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/op-portunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-rise-2015.html

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SAVE THE DATE

Future doctoral schools, special issues, and special sessions

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

The University of RomaTre, in collaboration with the METAMOR-PHOSE VI AISBL - Virtual Institute for Artificial Electromagnetic Materials and Metamaterials, organizes the 27th EUPROMETA

Doctoral School on Metamaterials entitled "Electromagnetic, acoustic, and thermal invisibility" in the period 4-8 May 2015 at the Department of Engineering, University of Roma Tre, Via Vito Volterra 62, 00146, Rome.



The courses are designed for students of the school PhD in Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, industry experts, and anyone else interested in the world of metamaterials.

The courses cover theory and the fundamental limits of a metamaterial cloaking, the theoretical aspects and applications of invisibility cloaking and electromagnetic, theoretical aspects, experiments and applications of cloaking sound and heat.

Additional information (school program, venue, travel grants, registration fees) can be found by visiting the site (http://school.metamorphose-vi.org) or by mail (secretary@metamorphose-vi.org)

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Prof. Alessandro Toscano, Italy

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16 hours of teaching 8 hours of guided study and excercises

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SPECIAL ISSUES

- IEEE-Access Special Section on "<u>Bio-compatible materials and bio-electromagnetics for bio-medical applications</u>", organized by L. Matekovits, T. Kikkawa, I. Peter, K.P. Esselle. Publication date: Summer 2015
- IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters Special Cluster on "Compressive Sensing as applied to Electromagnetics", organized by A. Massa and F. L.Teixeira. Publication date: Spring 2015
- The Scientific World Journal' Special Issue on "Compressed Sensing: Applications in Radar and Communications", organized by S. Costanzo, A. Rocha, M. D. Migliore, I. Kyriakides. Publication date: Autumn 2015

SPECIAL SESSIONS

- "Information Technologies in Radiocommunications", organized by S. Costanzo, 3rd World Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (WorldCIST'15), 1-3 April 2015, Azores, Portugal.
- "Non-Uniform and Sparse Antenna Arrays Innovative Concepts and Technological Solutions", organized by I. Lager and G. Oliveri, European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EU-CAP), 12-17 April 2015, Lisbon, Portugal.
- "Electromagnatic Inverse Scattering", organized by M. Pastorino and E. Heyman, 1st URSI Atlantic Radio Science Conference (URSI AT-RASC), 18 22 May 2015, Gran Canaria.
- "Electromagnetics in Marine Applications", organized by M. Pastorino and A. Randazzo, Oceans'15 MTS/IEEE, 18-21 May 2015, Genova.
- "Metatronics: Theory, Methods, and Applications", organized by N. Engheta, S. Maci, and G. Oliveri, IEEE Int. Symposium on Antennas and Propagation (IEEE AP-S), 19-25 July 2015, Vancouver, Canada.
- "4D Antenna Arrays: Theory, Techniques and Applications", organized by A Tennant, S. Yang, and P. Rocca, IEEE Int. Symposium on Antennas and Propagation (IEEE AP-S), 19-25 July 2015, Vancouver, Canada.
- "Functional Materials for Electromagnetic Applications" organized by I. Peter and L. Matekovits, Int. Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA), Sept. 7-11 2015, Torino. Submission open
- "Antennas and Electromagnetic Devices Inspired by Electromagnetic Band Gap", organized by K.P. Esselle and L. Matekovits, Int. Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA), Sept. 7-11 2015, Torino. Submission open



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- "Array systems for Radio Astronomy and Space applications: design, measurement and calibration", organized by Eloy de Lera Acedo and G. Virone, Int. Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA), Sept. 7-11 2015, Torino. Submission open
- "Antenna-Feed-Chains and Front-Ends for Space and Ground Applications", organized by G. Addamo and O.A. Peverini, Int. Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA), Sept. 7-11 2015, Torino. Submission open
- "Inverse Scattering Methods in Electromagnetic Imaging" organized by M. Pastorino, Int. Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA), Sept. 7-11 2015, Torino. Submission open
- "Area NanoNETworks: Electromagnetic, Materials and Communications", organized by V. Loscri, A. M. Vegni, I. Peter, L. Matekovits, Int. Conference on Body Area Networks (BodyNets), Sept. 28–30 2015 Sydney, Australia. Submission open

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

What's Next?

ICEAA 2015

The seventeenth edition of the International Conference on Electromagnetics in Advanced Applications (ICEAA 2015) will be held on Sept. 7-11 2015 in Torino, Italy, and is supported by the Politecnico



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Importante dates
Submission deadline: 13 March 2015
Additional information www.iceaa.net.

OTHER UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EUCAP), April 12-17 2015, Lisbon, Portugal. URL: www.eucap2015.org
- IEEE MTT-S International Conference on Microwaves for Intelligent Mobility (ICMIM), April 27-29 2015, Heidelberg, Germany. URL: www.ihe.kit.edu/icmim2015
- International Microwave Symposium (IMS), May 17-22, 2015, Phoenix, USA. URL: www.ims2015.org
- 2015 IEEE AP-S Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and URSI CNC/USNC Joint Meeting (IEEE AP-S/URSI), July 19-25 2015, Vancouver, Canada. URL: www.2015apsursi.org
- International Workshop on Integrated Nonlinear Microwaveand Millimetre-wave Circuits (INMMiC), October 1-2 2015, Taormina, Italy. URL: www.inmmic.org. Deadline for abstracts: May 1, 2015. **Submission open**

METAMATERIALS 2015

The 9th International Congress on Advanced Electromagnetic Materials in Microwaves and Optics - Metamaterials 2015 (Oxford, 7-12

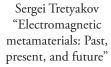
Sept. 2015), is organized by the ME-TAMORPHOSE VI AISBL (www. metamorphose-vi.org) and hosted by the University of Oxford. This Congress will provide a unique forum to



share the latest results of the metamaterials research in Europe and worldwide and bring together the engineering, physics, and material science communities working on artificial electromagnetic materials and their applications at microwaves, millimeter waves, terahertz, and optical frequencies.

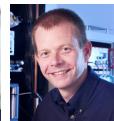
Plenary Speakers







Steve Cummer "Acoustic metamaterials"



Mark Brongersma
"Device applications
of semiconductor
and metafilms metasurfaces"

Importante dates
Submission deadline: 6 March 2015

Additional information: congress2015.metamorphose-vi.org/

