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## Message from 2007 GOLD Committee Chair Soon Wan

Dearest GOLD Members,

Last year, Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD) celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with many exciting programs and events. This year, GOLD is entering its next decade and I am honored to be your new Regional Activities Board (RAB) GOLD Chair. This is a great opportunity for me to continue to serve the IEEE. This assignment will give me the chance to enhance my leadership abilities, and widen my network with RAB leaders as

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well as RAB committee members, and the leadership of IEEE as a whole. I am looking forward to build IEEE GOLD into the next decade to an entirely new level of visibility and growth.

My IEEE experience began when I became an IEEE Student Member in 1996. I was Student Branch President at the University of Merrimack for 3 years, and I organized the Region 1 Student Conference in 1999. I graduated in 2000, and founded the IEEE Boston GOLD Affinity Group. After that I became the Region 1 GOLD Coordinator in 2005. I have learned a lot from my decade of GOLDen IEEE volunteering, and my experience has been memorable.

As an IEEE member I have not only been able to enhance my technical skills (e.g. through technical literature and conferences) but have also actively participated in activities and events held by Sections and Chapters, which has given me the opportunity to interact with other members. This has allowed me to enrich my knowledge by sharing experiences with them, ultimately creating links between professionals, universities and industries.

I encourage you to consider volunteering in the IEEE, which will enable you to nurture your leadership, communication, management, and decision-making skills.



*2007 GOLD Committee asks you to join us.*

This year, we have 111 GOLD Affinity Groups worldwide. All of these Affinity Groups have the common goal to enhance the benefits to our valued members, who are the future leaders of the IEEE and the profession at large. RAB GOLD is committed to strengthen these groups, and reach out to all our local GOLD members, especially recent graduates. Moreover, RAB GOLD strives to tighten the collaboration, and improve the synergy with IEEE major boards, technical societies and all its entities.

Recently, the GOLD Committee 2007 held its GOLD Committee Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, from March 17-18. We discussed a series of new programs for this year. To name a few: the On-Line GOLD Seminars, Student Transition Project, On-Line Games, revamping the RAB GOLD website, and a GOLD Conference. The details of the meeting will be highlighted in the June issue of GOLDRush. At the meeting, we had a rich mixture of volunteers all of whom are filled with positive energy, enthusiasm and passion.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the past RAB GOLD Chair, Darrel Chong, who strengthened the GOLD organization last year. Now, we have GOLD representatives from all the IEEE major boards: Educational Activities Board (EAB), Standards Association (SA), Publication Services and Products Board (PSPB), Technical Activities Board (TAB), Regional Activities Board (RAB), and IEEE-USA.

The GOLDRush newsletter will have a fresh look in the next June issue, and I will share with you how I manage my three lives: Family with three kids, career, and IEEE. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestion on how to improve your experience as an IEEE GOLD member.

Best Regards,

Soon Wan, RAB GOLD Committee Chair 2007

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### **Welcome to GOLDRush in 2007 - Adrian Pais, GOLDRush Editor**

Greetings from the remote village of Macha in southern Zambia. This year I am honored and blessed to be the editor of GOLDRush and the representative for GOLD on the Publication Services and Products Board (PSPB). Right now, I am sitting in the local café/restaurant, with my laptop connected wirelessly to the Internet. Yet just three years ago Macha had no communication to the outside world, except low-capacity HF/VHF radio links used by a privileged few people.

The short time I have spent here has demonstrated to me how we as engineers, technologists and scientists can work with others to create a better world, transforming people's lives, giving opportunities to those who need it most, bridging the gaps that exist in our world, and breaking down socio-economic, cultural and geographical barriers. It is not easy to do this as there are often unfathomable challenges – but my experience in Macha has shown me that with belief, trust, and a 'can-do' attitude, we can all make a difference wherever we are and whatever we are doing.

As your GOLD Committee, our vision is for GOLDRush to grow into a newsletter publication that you look forward to receiving every three months by being a 'forum' for you, our valued members, to communicate with each other, stimulating dialogue and discussion around the world. By doing this, we hope that this newsletter will celebrate our great profession, encouraging young people to pursue careers in science and engineering and allowing those of other professions to understand us better. Ultimately, this will enable us to recognize the needs of society and serve other people better.

We seek to publish articles of the highest quality and relevance to stimulate our readers' minds. To this end, I would like to invite you to submit articles for review in the remaining editions to be published this year in June, September and December. This is an excellent opportunity for you to express yourself, and in doing so, to have your work published and read by people from all over the world. For further information regarding the submission requirements, please e-mail me at [a.pais@ieee.org](mailto:a.pais@ieee.org).

As GOLDRush editor, I also welcome your continuous feedback on what you would like to see in this newsletter and how it could be more relevant to you. In this regard, or if you have any other thoughts, questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at [a.pais@ieee.org](mailto:a.pais@ieee.org).

Let GOLDRush be the portrayal of our fantastic profession to the world. Let it allow us to communicate with each other. Most importantly, let it also be an agent of change to improve the world we live in. We can do this together.

Best wishes and go GOLD!!

Adrian Pais, GOLDRush Editor 2007

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## **IEEE GOLD News**

### **IEEE Student, IEEE GOLD Groups Make Good Match**

*Contributed by Anna Bogdanowicz, (Reprinted with permission from the Institute, February 2007).*

When IEEE Student Member Stanley Wang was elected vice president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's IEEE Student Branch last year, he had one goal: to create a stronger connection with the IEEE communities in his school's Boston area. Likewise, the IEEE Graduates Of the Last Decade group in Boston wants to get more involved with student branches, notes May Wan, its 2006 chair. So it was no surprise that a joint seminar organized by the two groups in November on "Becoming a Successful Entrepreneur" drew more than 40 students and GOLD members to MIT's Stata Center.

The free seminar offered valuable advice on the skills it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. It also created networking opportunities for the students to mingle with young professionals, while the GOLD group could talk up the value of students staying with the IEEE after graduation. IEEE GOLD is made up of members who received their first professional degree within the previous 10 years.

"The seminar was definitely a good learning opportunity for students, and they got to meet professionals working in different engineering fields," Wang says.

Such events are important, says Wan, because many students about to graduate don't know what job opportunities are out there.

The seminar speaker, Kevin Krauss, the director of Suffolk University's Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, also in Boston, has over 30 years of experience in business and entrepreneurship. He has been CEO of several technology companies, including Teksource Inc., a computer and network service company located in Littleton, Colo. At the seminar, which last with questions and answers and a refreshment period for about 2 hours, Krauss talked about the business skills a typical master's in business administration course in entrepreneurship should focus on, including problem-solving, and the creativity needed to come up with new ideas. He also spoke of turning failure into success by learning from your mistakes, and discussed the personal characteristics entrepreneurs need, such as self-confidence and ambition.

**PARTNERSHIP** The two groups became partners last June when Wang was looking for activities that would get his fellow students excited about the IEEE. He contacted Kristen Fitzpatrick, manager of the IEEE University Partnership Program in Piscataway, N.J. UPP works with student branches from some of the country's best engineering schools, such as MIT, with the aim of boosting student membership. Fitzpatrick put Wang in touch with Wan and the two started brainstorming a topic for a seminar.

They decided on entrepreneurship—a hot topic for both students and young professionals. Wan suggested Krauss as the speaker, whom she had heard at one of his seminars.

The groups divvied up the duties. The student branch provided the sound equipment and found a venue for the event at MIT—and Boston GOLD booked Krauss, who did the presentation for free, and provided refreshments. "We both used our strengths," Wang says.

The student branch and Boston GOLD found it easy to work together, Wan says, and plan to continue their collaboration by setting up more seminars.

For more information on IEEE Boston GOLD, visit <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r1/boston/gold/webpage/>

To learn more about the MIT IEEE Student Branch, go to <http://web.mit.edu/ieee/www/>

## **IEEE Boston Section GOLD Carves Up the Slopes in Sub-Zero Temperatures**

*Contributed by Kheng Swee Goh.*

To all ski enthusiasts, snow can only mean one thing – the chance to have some good, clean fun! On January 27th, that was exactly what a small group of us did. Instead of snuggling under toasty warm duvets in bed, we braved the -10F cold and met up at McDonald's in Tilton, NH at 7.30am. From there, we drove up Cannon Mountain at Franconia Notch, settled down and set up a nice big IEEE sign on a table. I was able to pick up some special discounted tickets and so handed them out to all present. Along with the tickets, we also distributed walkie-talkies, which kept everyone in constant communication. In the meantime, a few members and guests in the group went on to the ski school to learn how to ski.



*Boston GOLD members get ready to hit the slope.*

At around 9.30am, the rest of the members began to arrive; many needed to drive a good distance away. Soon Wan volunteered to be our guinea pig and bravely went up first to check out the conditions. When he reported a rough granular surface, I went up with him, Uri and Tony and skied down together on steeper runs. Although we tried our best to avoid bad terrain, it was rather inevitable that we encountered some ice and took a few tumbles, luckily with no injuries.



*Whoooops! RAB GOLD Chair, Soon Wan, falls down.*

After all that fun, we proceeded to the peak where we took a well deserved rest, munched on some French fries and I derived some welcomed warmth from my thermos of hot chocolate. We also spent some time enjoying the winter wonderland view around

us, the pristine snow, the snow covered trees.... the view was just magnificent! We captured the view by taking some pictures of course.



*GOLD members having fun at the peak of the Cannon Mountain.*

Shortly after, we skied down and regrouped with the rest of the members for an IEEE sponsored lunch where we bunkered down and had a great catching up session with each other. Following that was the eagerly anticipated lucky draw where ironically, Rob Vice, the event organizer, won the much coveted free ski ticket!

The rest of the day was spent skiing until our energy levels gave out and we trudged on home, tired but happy.

### **Malaysia, a super active IEEE GOLD Affinity Group in 2006**

*Contributed by Mohd Hanif Yaacob*

IEEE GOLD Malaysia was formed in 2003 by the IEEE Malaysia Section. In 2005, we held 13 activities while in 2006, we managed to increase that to 15 activities. This included eight administrative meetings, two technical meetings, four educational programs and one social activity. Regional GOLD coordinator, Yasuharu Ohgoe recognized us as one of the super active GOLD Affinity Groups in Region 10 for 2006. Over here, I share the main activities that IEEE GOLD Malaysia held throughout the year.

One of the most memorable events we organized for the year was the Seminar on Financial Management which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The objective of the seminar was to educate participants on the importance of financial management especially during the early stages of their career. It was also intended to provide unbiased advice and guidance on insurance and personal investment. We contacted National Bank of Malaysia and successfully invited their senior officers to speak at no cost! We even managed to persuade the central bank to sponsor the lunch and 'goodie bags' of leaflets and stationery for the participants. The seminar was free and attracted 250 participants, including IEEE full and student members and young professionals. Among the topics highlighted in the seminar were how to do savings, managing credit cards, types of insurance and necessity versus luxury. The response from the participants was very positive and they suggested that we do it again on other important topics in personal finance. Due to the overwhelming feedback, we organized a similar event but at a different place, exactly a week after that!



*GOLD organizing committee and the National Bank Officers.*

Another GOLD activity for 2006 was the Inter-society Bowling Tournament. The event took place at Putrajaya, the administrative capital of Malaysia on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Eight teams, representing various IEEE Societies and Chapters, participated in the tournament. The main objective of this event was to encourage interaction between the senior and young members. Every participant was given a free and exclusive GOLD Malaysia polo t-shirt sponsored by a company. The companies had the opportunity to promote their profiles and services in the program booklets. Some members turned up fully equipped, before unleashing performances that any professional would be proud of! It was also very encouraging for us to see senior members, several in their fifties, taking part in the event and sharing laughter and joy with twenty-something year old members!



*A group photo of the members before they unleash their superb bowling skills.*

We also organized two educational activities; a career trip and a promotion on electrical and electronic engineering to school kids. Additionally, there were two technical meetings on future electronic and communication technologies.

There are two key factors that contribute to the success of GOLD Malaysia. Firstly, we have a highly committed team of volunteers. They seem to enjoy every minute of their volunteer work. We also have a rotation system whereby each committee member takes turns to manage the events while the rest help in the ad hoc committee. This provides good experience for the event manager, who is given the opportunity to organize and manage resources to run the event. As funds are one of the major requirements to

organize events, the committee members have actively sought funding either via corporate sponsorship or through agencies that offer free consultations or programs. Where there is a will, there is a way! Secondly, we have tremendous support from our employers and the local IEEE Section. Our employers allow free access to their facilities for any GOLD activity and recognize staff involvement. The local IEEE section also plays a major role in supporting the group by providing additional funds and actively participates in our activities.

Our vision in the future is to organize events in other parts of the country and to have more industry involvement through activities and relevant representation on the committee. Our funds are also limited at present. Nevertheless, we believe we can overcome these challenges, as long as we keep enjoying what we do! Jumpa Lagi... (See you again in Malay language).

### **Career Guidance Program and Seminar on Bio-Informatics in Madras**

*Contributed by Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan*

In Madras, the IEEE GOLD Affinity Group and the IEEE Power Engineering Society Chapter co-organized a career-oriented session on "Interview Techniques and Group Discussions" by Dr C.S. Raju, an expert trainer and former general manager of Lignite Corporation. The event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2006. In his introduction to the speaker, Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan, Chairman of the IEEE Madras Section GOLD Affinity Group, promoted the benefits of IEEE GOLD membership and briefed the audience about the activities of IEEE GOLD.



Guest speaker Dr C.S. Raju (3<sup>rd</sup> from right) being presented a gift by members of the organizing committee, including Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan, Chairman of the IEEE Madras Section GOLD Affinity Group (2<sup>nd</sup> from right).

In the first part of his seminar, Dr Raju discussed techniques to write resumes and covering letters. He also discussed and evaluated various channels for job hunting and presented 100 typical interview questions together with possible answers. Additionally, he gave tips on how to tackle various interview situations – e.g. telephone interviews and panel interviews. □

Dr Raju then presented techniques on how to have a successful group discussion. He conducted a mock group discussion on the topic 'Nuclear Policy for India' to give the participants a practical appreciation of the techniques presented. The event was a resounding success - it was attended by about 130 participants including GOLD members, students from several engineering colleges, academics and invited industrialists.

**BIO-INFORMATICS** On 25th November 2006, a technical lecture was presented on "Bioinformatics" by Dr Karthik Srinivasan of the Tamil Nadu Aids Initiatives (TAI) Project.

The meeting commenced with a song of prayer by students of Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College. This was followed by welcoming addresses by both the Chairman of the IEEE Madras Section GOLD Affinity Group, Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan, and the IEEE Madras Section Student Activity Chair & Power Engineering Society Chair, Dr P. Suresh Chander Pal.

This was followed by a 90 minute presentation on Bioinformatics by Dr Karthik Srinivasan. The first part of the lecture dealt with the fundamentals of cell and molecular biology. The distinguished speaker then explained the basics of bioinformatics, computational biology and biotechnology and the various core segments of research in these areas. An overview of the various procedures and research areas, such as nucleotide sequencing, proteomics and genomics, were discussed. He also spoke of the various practical applications of biotechnology in areas such as forensic medicine, pharmaceuticals and vaccine development, pathology and evolution, stem cell research, gene therapy and cancer research. The lecture was very well received by the audience, comprising of students, faculty members and invited industrialists, numbering about 50 people in total.

### **Conference on Information Systems in Calcutta**

*Contributed by Dr Jamuna Kanta Sing*

The National Conference on Recent Trends in Information Systems (ReTIS-06) was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at the H. L. Roy Auditorium of Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. The conference was jointly organized by the IEEE GOLD Affinity Group, IEEE Calcutta Section, Center for Microprocessor Application for Training Education & Research, Project on Storage Retrieval & Understanding of Video for Multimedia, Computer Science & Engineering Department (TEQIP) – Jadavpur University, and Computer Jagat. It was aimed at bringing together students and researchers from areas such as: High Performance Computing, Image Processing, Information Retrieval, Information Security, Intelligent Systems, Mobile Communications and Networking, Optical Character Recognition and Pattern Recognition.

A total of 108 papers were received for consideration in the conference. After a peer review process, 57 submissions were selected for publication in the proceedings. These papers were presented in 12 technical sessions, chaired by professionals from universities and other institutions. Around 110 people attended the conference, having come from throughout India. Six awards for best student papers were given, following a judging process by a committee of engineers and scientists.

Besides the peer reviewed paper presentations, four distinguished speakers were invited to deliver special talks in their respective fields of research: Prof A. Basu (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur), Prof A. Bagchi (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata), Prof S. K. Sanyal (Jadavpur University, Kolkata) and Dr C. Dutta (Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata). Additionally, an industrial talk was presented by senior professionals from WeP Peripherals Ltd.

The inaugural program of ReTIS-06 was graced by Prof D. K. Das (Honorable Minister-in-charge of Information Technology, Govt. of West Bengal) and Prof. M. K. Mitra (Dean FET, Jadavpur University). The program was also attended by many distinguished guests from several universities and institutes based in India. An evening cultural program also took place during the conference. Sri A. Guhathakurata, an ex-student of the Jadavpur University and an eminent Rabindrasangeet singer, entertained delegates with his scintillating music afterwards. A banquet dinner was subsequently arranged in the University guest house.

The organizers of the ReTIS-06 would like to acknowledge the cooperation and financial support that we received from several institutes and organisations.

### **Technical visit to Lamma Winds in Hong Kong**

*Contributed by Dennis Lo*

One of the benefits of being an IEEE GOLD member is to meet people from different backgrounds who share similar technical interests. The technical visit to Lamma Winds provided an opportunity for people from different fields to network with each other, as well as acquire knowledge that they do not generally receive in their day-to-day jobs.

In February 2006, Lamma Winds became the first commercial-scale wind turbine in Hong Kong. This 71-meter tall, triple-bladed wind turbine is stationed in a 2,500-square-meter wind station atop Tai Ling on the northern part of Lamma Island. The turbine is co-located with an exhibition area that provides a wealth of information on renewable energy. Lamma Winds has the capacity of 800 kilowatts and is expected to generate about one million units of electricity annually. The project took nearly five years to commission, costing 15 million Hong Kong dollars.

The technical visit to Lamma Winds was organized with two aims in mind. Firstly, it gave members the chance to see the operation of Lamma Power Station, the nerve system for power supply to Hong Kong and Lamma Island. Secondly, it gave participants the opportunity to learn more about the common forms of renewable energy – their strengths, limitations, and applications worldwide.

The visit was made on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2006, six months after the commissioning of Lamma Winds. We traveled to the exhibition centre located at the Lamma Power station by ferry and shuttle bus, led by an engineer from the Hong Kong Electric Company Ltd. Over there we were given a background on the wind turbine, the station and renewable energy in general.

After a short walk we reached the wind turbine at the end of a trail atop of Tai Ling. We spent around half an hour near the spectacular landmark.

All in all, the trip was a resounding success as it was very popular among GOLD members. It proved to be an excellent opportunity to learn about renewable energy and for GOLD members to network with each other.



*Hong Kong GOLD members at the Lamma Winds.*

(For more details and photos of the activity, please visit Hong Kong's official GOLD homepage [http://gold2.ieee.org.hk/wiki/index.php/Lamma\\_Island\\_Wind\\_Power\\_Visit](http://gold2.ieee.org.hk/wiki/index.php/Lamma_Island_Wind_Power_Visit)).

Readers can also refer to the Lamma Winds official page of the Hong Kong Electric Company Limited [http://www.hec.com.hk/hehWeb/MajorGroupCompanies/TheHongKongElectricCompanyLimited/RenewableEnergy/Index\\_en.htm](http://www.hec.com.hk/hehWeb/MajorGroupCompanies/TheHongKongElectricCompanyLimited/RenewableEnergy/Index_en.htm)).

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## Articles of Interest

**“Where the Jobs Are: This year’s round up of what’s hot and what’s not”,**  
*From IEEE Spectrum*

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**“Copy-and-Paste Papers Put Profs on the Offensive”,** *From the IEEE Institute*

The Internet may have created a copy-and-paste world for students who plagiarize, but the reasons more and more of them are lifting material are complicated, as a number of engineering professors have discovered. To learn more, visit <http://bmsmail3.ieee.org:80/u/5788/41269706>

**“The Plagiarism Problem: Now You Can Help”,** *From the IEEE Institute*

Plagiarism is on the rise, but the IEEE is not sitting idly by and watching the problem grow. It has recently developed online tools that explain its new procedures and its punishment for plagiarism. Find out more at <http://bmsmail3.ieee.org:80/u/5789/41269706>

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## Upcoming Events

**April 2007 Region 1 GOLD Conference**

*Contributed by Soon Wan*

Join us for the Region 1 GOLD Conference to be held in conjunction with the Region 1 Student Conference in Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ, USA. Highlights of the conference include a career fair, resume walk-in clinic, student paper contest, micromouse competition, GOLD competition, GOLD and Women in Engineering meetings, GOLD professional and soft skill seminars, networking with industrial professionals event and an awards and dinner banquet.

For more information visit <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/1/gold> or download a flyer for the conference at [http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/1/gold/conference/R1\\_GOLD\\_Flyer\\_1.pdf](http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/1/gold/conference/R1_GOLD_Flyer_1.pdf).

**Date:** Friday, 27 April to Sunday, 29 April, 2007

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