

# MAUI DECLARATION

## (1) Maui Meeting

On the 7th and 8th of December 1995, electrical engineers and historians from IEEE and IEEJ met in Maui, Hawaii to exchange information and opinions on the historical study of electrical engineering. As a result of this meeting, we have agreed to sign this Maui Declaration, which indicates the nature of our meeting, identifies subjects for joint study in the near future, and proposes actions that we might take in the history area to extend the cooperative relationship between our two organizations. It is understood that actions agreed to in this document are subject to the approval of the governing bodies of our two organizations.

Since the Maui Meeting was the first opportunity for participants from IEEE and IEEJ to discuss these subjects together, the primary achievement of the meeting was to share our thoughts, identify our common interests, and acknowledge our mutual dedication to the historical study of electrical engineering.

## (2) Areas of Interest in the History of Electrical Engineering- for the Near Future

Many general and specific suggestions were made at the meeting, either for joint studies and projects, or for studies or projects that would be conducted by one organization and shared with the other. These suggestions fall into the following categories:

- (a) Preservation of archives and other historical sources, and the distribution of information about these materials;
- (b) Historical studies of topics including but not limited to technology transfer;
- (c) Preparation of oral history interviews;
- (d) The ways in which the history of electrical engineering is organized, researched, and presented in the educational and research institutions of Japan, the United States, and other countries;
- (e) The historical methods, approaches, techniques, and historiography employed to study electrical engineering; and
- (f) Programs to promote public understanding of the history of electrical engineering, such as exhibits and Milestones.

## (3) Action Items

- (a) To define the objectives, program, format, and venue for the next Maui Meeting, which we hope to hold within two years;
- (b) To determine ways of expanding the participation of future Maui Meetings, consistent with the objectives established in (3)(a). New participants might include other Japanese or American professional societies dedicated to electrical or electronic engineering, or to computer science; national professional societies of other countries dedicated to similar purposes; or other appropriate organizations, such as the Society for the History of Technology.
- (c) To make the Maui Meeting and its achievements known to the public; and (d) To continue information exchange and joint study between our two organizations.

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Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A.

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