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ECE SEMINARS

These speakers will conduct seminars at Western Michigan University (Kohrman Hall, room 3002, 4:00 p.m.). For additional information contact Hossein Mousavinezhad or see www.wmich.edu/ece.--WMU ECE Department.

January 29: Topic and Speaker to be Announced. Check www.wmich.edu/ece for more information

February 19: Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Western Michigan University Dr. Michael Atkins. *Topic: New Parkview Engineering Building*

March 19: Topic and Speaker to be Announced. Check www.wmich.edu/ece for more information

Dr. Paulo Fernando Ribeiro of Calvin College elected a Fellow of the IEEE: Dr. Ribeiro was elected to fellow grade at IEEE Board of Directors in its November 17, 2003 meeting in recognition to his contribution to the understanding of harmonic penetration in transmission systems, and advancement of superconducting magnetic energy storage system applications. Congratulations Dr. Ribeiro!

IEEE-USA President Describes Threats Facing U.S. Engineers at Summit on the U.S. Science and Engineering Workforce: IEEE-USA President LeEarl Bryant pointed to recent sharp increases in engineering unemployment and declining real wages as serious threats to the long-term viability of U.S. engineering careers at the National Academies' Pan Organizational Summit on the U.S. Science and Engineering Workforce last month. For the entire work go to <http://www.ieeeusa.org/forum/POLICY/12nov02.pdf>

Twenty-fourth Engineers Week Dinner will be held Tuesday February 18, 2003 at WMU: The guest speaker will be Robert Vitale, a research engineer at General Motors. He will be talking about the World's first drivable fuel cell and by-wire vehicle, Hy-Wire.

The dinner will be held at the Bernhard Center on West Michigan Avenue at Western Michigan University. A cash bar will be available at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by the program at 7:30 pm featuring speaker Robert Vitale.

Reservations: Only those with reservations in advanced will be served. Reservations must be received by **February 7**.

The cost of the evening is \$26 for professional/teachers and \$15 for students. Spouses and guests are welcome (professional rate).

For more information on the events for the Twenty-Fourth Annual Engineer's Week, and to download the reservation form please visit the Website:

<http://www.SPEwestmichigan.org/engineersweek>.

The 2003 IEEE Region 4 Electro-Information Technology (EIT) Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Airport Hotel in Indianapolis on June 5 and 6:

The registration information will soon be posted at <http://www.cis-ieee.org/eit2003>



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Hossein Mousavinezhad, Section Chair

THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings to all members of the West Michigan Section!

We are starting another busy year and looking forward to activities, educational programs, engineers' week, professional activities, student chapter activities, seminars and other events. I will be attending Region 4 meeting in Chicago at the end of January and also help organize the third IEEE electro/information technology (eIT) conference in Indianapolis, June 5-6, 2003 (please refer to Web site, www.cis-ieee.org/eit2003) for additional information on this conference. As you can see from the newsletter, the Twenty-fourth Engineers Week Dinner will be held Tuesday February 18, 2003 at WMU, I wanted to encourage section members to attend this important annual event which is sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Engineering Societies. I also wanted to mention WMU ECE Seminars for Spring (Winter) 2003 which will include a presentation by Dean Atkins regarding new WMU engineering building on February 19, 2003, 4 p.m., room 3002 Kohrman Hall. Refer to Web site, www.wmich.edu/ece, Seminars, for additional information. We also wanted to encourage you to visit Section Web site (www.ewh.ieee.org/r4/west_michigan) for information on GVSU seminars in Grand Rapids and student chapter activities there. In June 2002 we participated in the Annual ASEE Conference in Montreal where faculty and IEEE members presented papers, actively participated in panel discussion and other technical sessions. The Conference had an attendance of over 3000 people. As the Educational Activities Chair for the Region 4, I am also involved in accreditation and continuing education activities which will be of benefit to IEEE members especially those residing in R4. As section chair, I like to receive your feedback and comments and try to offer programs to benefit the membership. Please send these via e-mail (hossein.mousavinezhad@ieee.org) or attend one of our upcoming meetings. The Executive Board will be meeting at the end of January to discuss section business and hear reports from educational, student, and professional activities. We like to encourage ALL members of the Section to attend meetings and contribute to programs that we are offering. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ron Fredricks for his excellent work during last two year as section chair. Ron has been an active member of WMS for many years and we are happy that he will continue as the section educational activities chair. We also appreciate the help and commitments of the members of the Executive Board (see the roster in the newsletter), given the busy work schedule that we all have and for volunteering their time.



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