



Fifth Anniversary for German Chapter

Chapters are all about membership activity. I always look forward to hearing about the action happening out there in our chapters worldwide and like to share it with you. The joint IAS/IES/PELS chapter of Germany has been very active since its formation in 1997. The chapter has had a long list of distinguished visitors. (See their Web page at <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r8/germany/ias-pels> for the newsletters.) In February of this year, Prof. Ajit K. Chattopadhyay, IEEE Fellow and IAS Distinguished Lecturer, gave a lecture at the Joint IEEE IAS/PELS/IES German Chapter Meeting at Robert Bosch GmbH in Stuttgart as part of the 15th meeting, which celebrated the Best Paper Awards of 2002 and Chapter Awards of 2003. Prof. Chattopadhyay's lecture was attended by 101 people and was very well received. Also in November 2002, Caio Ferreira, IEEE Fellow and IAS Distinguished Lecturer, was invited to the Chapter's fifth anniversary celebration. Mr. Ferreira was so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the chapter that he wanted to share his report about his visit below.

The IEEE IAS German Chapter Celebrates its Fifth Anniversary
Karlsruhe, Germany, 14 & 15 November 2002—The IEEE IAS German Chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary! The special event was marked with a number of special technical and social activities, including the election of new chapter officers for the period of 2003 to 2004, an IEEE IAS distinguished lecture on aerospace electrical power and actuation, technical pre-



Caio Ferreira, visiting Distinguished Lecturer, and Peter Magyar, new German Chapter Chair, stand in front of the Chapter banner.

sentations and laboratory demonstrations by electrical engineering undergraduate and graduate students on their engineering projects, and a jovial birthday celebration party for the German Chapter.

Prof. Dr. Ing. Michael Braun, chair of Institute of Electrical Engineering of the University of Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, was a gracious local host for the Chapter meeting, providing the facilities, all logistics for the special event, and a terrific tour of the old town of Karlsruhe. The tour included a visit to King Karl's palace, followed by a personalized tour of the King Tut's exhibit at the Karlsruhe's Museum of Art. The support provided by his staff was friendly and efficient.

The meeting was marked by the presence of IEEE members from Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland,

and the United States. The first order of business focused on the election of new officers for the joint IAS/PELS/IE Chapter: Dr. Ing. Peter Magyar, Chapter chair; Prof. Dr. Ing. Jurgen Petzoldt, vice chair; Dr. Ing. Ingo Hahn, secretary; Dr. Ing. Mark M. Bakran, treasurer; Dr. Ing. Jurgen Buttner, homepage administrator; and Dr. Ing. Andras Lelkes, membership development. The new officers will serve for the 2003 to 2004 calendar years. Congratulations!

The meeting continued with an IEEE IAS distinguished lecture on aerospace electrical power and actuation by Mr. Caio A. Ferreira. The lecture focused on advanced electrical power generation and drive technologies for aircraft. The lecture was marked by more than 30 online questions and a lively discussion after-



Caio Ferreira cutting the Fifth Anniversary cake.