

President's Post



This year's ACES annual conference was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 3-7, 2005. The conference was held along with the IEEE conference on wireless communications. The combined event was named the 2005 IEEE/ACES International Conference on Wireless Communications and Applied Computational Electromagnetics.

The reason I am starting the President's Post with the above statement is to identify one of the new modifications that have been introduced to enhance member services and improve attendance, focus and format of the ACES annual conference. In the process, these modifications are also enhancing the financial viability of our society as can be verified by the great successes of the 2004 annual conference in Syracuse, NY and the 2005 annual conference. The 2006 annual conference will be held in Miami, Florida and promises to be another success. I would like to thank our colleagues, Professor Tapan Sarkar who led the efforts for the 2004 annual conference, and Professor Magdy Iskandar who led the efforts for the 2005 annual conference.

The new format and conference rotation are helping ACES increase its international focus, visibility and collaboration. We have been able to attract funding from industry as well as industrial exhibitors, financial support from the European Network ACE and grant funding from ARO and NSF. Such a support will help us provide broader benefits for addressing the research and development efforts for our members and increase our relevancy to industry and government agencies.

The Board of Directors met over two days during the annual conference in Hawaii and discussed many issues as well as received the budget with the financial status of the society improving. Our members will see in the near future many changes in the member services with many improvements in electronic access. More and more back issues of the Newsletter and Journal, credit card processing for membership fees and purchases and additional features on the website. I encourage all members to visit the website often to see all the new features and additions as they occur over the next few months.

An extended version of papers submitted and presented at the annual conference can be submitted for peer review and possible publication in the ACES Journal. As you know the ACES Journal is an ISI citation indexed Journal and can contribute to enhancing your career as well as research and development needs.

We are working hard and establishing liaisons with other organizations for the benefit of our members. So I encourage nonmembers to become members to get all the benefits. As you know we have lowered the membership fees to only \$35.00 annually with electronic access to publications.

The next year's annual conference will be in Miami, Florida, March 12-16, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Miami. I invite everyone to participate or organize a session. I also invite industrial colleagues to participate by organizing sessions and exhibiting their products at the conference.

I look forward to reporting on more progress in ACES operations and to your support in continuing to enhance this very important society for computational electromagnetics.

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