

VLSI Systems and Applications TC, IEEE CAS Society
Minutes of the meeting of May 21st 2012 (12:00-1.15 PM), Seoul (ISCAS 2012 conference)

Chair: Prof. Massimo Alioto

Secretary and Chair-Elect: Prof. An-Yeu (Andy) Wu

Attendance: 48 (39 TC members + 9 candidates Attended the Meeting)

Meeting Conducted by: Prof. An-Yeu (Andy) Wu (on behalf of Prof. Massimo Alioto)

Minutes Taken by: Prof. Masud Chowdhury

The following items were discussed.

1) ISCAS submission statistics and trends

Andy Wu presented the statistics of ISCAS 2012 and IEEE-VSA Track (#13).

ISCAS 2012 Overview

- 1760 papers submitted to ISCAS
- 822 papers accepted
- Acceptance rate is 47% (in ISCAS 2011, it was 52%)
- Papers were organized in 117 lecture and 55 poster sessions
- 15 special sessions were organized

IEEE VSA Track 13 Overview:

- 240 papers submitted to our track (13.64% of ISCAS 2012)
 - Last year's submission was 194 papers.
 - Compared to last year this submission increased by 23.71%.
 - Ranking our Track in terms of paper submissions: 2nd (between Analog Signal Processing and Digital Signal Processing tracks)
- 130 papers accepted.
- Acceptance rate is 45% (last year: 48%)
 - Lower than conference acceptance rate (same as last year)
- Papers were organized in 14 lecture and 8 poster sessions

Track 13 submissions have increased significantly by 23.71% compared to last year (ISCAS 2011). Prof. Alioto and Prof. Wu thank all the members for putting such an effort to push for a higher quality and a higher number of submissions to our track. Credit goes to TC and RCM members, session chairs and reviewers for the successful completion of the activities related to our track.

2) Discussion on the Review Process

Prof. Wu presented the review data of the papers in our track:

- Average number of reviewers assigned per paper: 4.3
 - Better than last year (4.2)
 - RCMs did a good job!

- Average number of reviews submitted per paper: 3.7
- Most of the reviewers completed the assigned tasks on time

Concerns:

- Prof. Chaitali Chakrabarti and few other TC members raised concerns about reviews without any comments. A discussion has been taken place on how to deal with this situation.
- Prof. Koushik Maharatna raised concern about email notification about email delivery failure during the reviewing process in e-paper system. He specifically mentioned that when a review request is sent, the system should inform the respective RCMs of the bounced emails immediately (current system won't do it).

Proposal:

- RCMs should look into these reviews and send requests to the reviewers for comments in addition to the scores.
- In case of no-response from the reviewers, RCMs are requested to assign new reviewers. Also, the RCMs should take this issue into consideration while making the preliminary paper decisions.
- Prof. Vasily Moshnyaga and few other members proposed to include an automatic notification mechanism with e-papers system to alert the RCMs if there is any email delivery failure.

3) Discussion on Summer School

- Prof. Ricardo Reis proposed to have regional summer schools in each area of specialization.
- Prof. Reis proposed that IEEE CASS should provide a budget for this type of activity.
- Prof. Andy Wu provided an example of summer school in Taiwan (hosted by SP society) to highlight the importance of such activity.

4) Conference Endorsement

- 2013 IEEE Workshop on Signal Processing Systems (SiPS'13) to be held in Taipei, TAIWAN (General Co-Chairs: Naresh Shanbhag and Andy Wu) has received the endorsement from the TC.
 - Note: SiPS has been consistently endorsed by VSA TC (IEEE CAS) and DISPS TC (IEEE SP) for past years.

5) Nomination for CAS Plagiarism Committee

- Several members expressed their support for CAS Plagiarism Committee.
- Several members expressed concerns about the scopes and necessity of such committee.
- The following two members volunteered to serve in the CAS Plagiarism Committee: Prof. Koushik Maharatna and Prof. Oscar Gustafsson.
- In a following a subsequent discussion, Prof. Oscar Gustafsson requested to replace his name and place Prof. Massimo Alioto's name as the nominee.

- Prof. Wu also requested Prof. Sau-Gee Chen, Prof. Promod Meher and Prof. Ramalingam Sridhar (later volunteered by a follow-up email) to serve as the internal consulting members on this matter.

6) Discussion on Memberships and Update of Members' Activities

- Prof. Andy Wu requested all members to submit their activity reports.
- Currently our TC has 89 members and 27 Emeritus member candidates.
- In previous meetings a proposal was placed to have a confession session. Prof. Wu reminded the members to think about it.

7) New Members

- Prof. Jari Nurmi (Tampere University of Technology) has been included as the full member of the TC. He was nominated last year.
- Nine new members have been nominated to be included in the TC. The nominated new members are:
 - Alex Fish (nom. by Eby Friedman)
 - Jun-Dong Cho (nom. by Myung Sunwoo)
 - Ik Joon Chang (nom. by Myung Sunwoo)
 - Juang Tso-Bing (nom. by Pramod Meher)
 - Chip Hong Chang (nom. by Pramod Meher)
 - Zhengya Zhang (nom. by Massimo Alioto)
 - Seokbum Ko (nom. by Young Kim)
 - Qiaoyan Yu (nom. by Paul Ampadu)
 - Yuan-Hao Huang (nom. by Andy Wu)
- Nominated nine members introduced themselves and left the meeting for closed door discussion.
- All nine of these nominees are included in the TC, subject to performance evaluation in the next TC meeting.
- Prof. Maharatna and few other current members raised concern about the growing number of TC members.
- Prof. Oscas Gustafsson and few other members proposed to have a three-year probationary period for all new members.
- Prof. Mircea Stan raised question about the by-laws about new membership and Emeritus membership. He requested to update the by-laws in accordance with CASS guideline and circulate it among the TC members.
- A discussion took place about the size of our TC and moving some members to Emeritus Member status.
- Prof. Wu requested the TC members to give their opinion about keeping the number of active TC member within 80.
- Several members proposed to look into the last years' activities of the members and exclude members those who did not contribute anything.
- Prof. Eby Friedman reminded that we have rules in place to identify active members. He proposed to apply those rules to keep the size of the TC in control.

- One member proposed to put a year-limit on TC membership.
- Prof. Izzat Kale proposed to place a five-year limit on membership.
- General agreement was to keep only the active members in the TC.

8) Election of the Chair Elect:

- Prof. Masud Chowdhury (Email: masud@ieee.org and masud@umkc.edu) has been elected as the Secretary & Chair Elect of the VSA TC.
- Prof. Alioto suggested considering geographical distribution as a factor in future electing TC Chair. After some discussions, it can be considered as a guideline only. High quality of candidates should be ensured first.

9) TC Website and Other Online Communication Platform:

- Current VSA TC website is hosted by our TC Chair Prof. Alioto's university.
- Prof. Wu informed that IEEE CASS is building the websites of all TCs in the same webpage.
- Our webpage will be moved soon to IEEE CASS provided website (updates will be given soon from Massimo).
- Prof. Vasily Moshnyaga and few other members proposed to have professional communication groups in LinkedIn and other similar platform.
- Some discussion has taken place about the mechanism of such group. Prof. Mircea Stan proposed to have a closed group with detailed information of the members.

10) Special Issues on VSA Track Papers

- Professor Oskas Gustafsson proposed to publish a special journal issue on selected papers from VSA Track.
- First, the members discussed about the viability of such special issue. Overall reaction was positive towards having a special issue. Question raised whether the special issues will be published by IEEE or other organization.
- Prof. Mircea Stan, Prof. Koushik Maharatna, Prof. Izzet Kale and Prof. Zhiuan Yan took part in this discussion. They raised concern that publishing extended version of IEEE ISCAS papers through non-IEEE journals may give rise to copyright issue. Some other members think that that will not be an issue if the journal version clearly clarifies work beyond selected ISCAS paper.

11) Presentation by CAS VP of Technical Activities (TA) - Prof. Vojin G. Oklobdzija

- Professor Oklobdzija presented the new mission and tasks of TA for the CAS society, as well as recent efforts in reorganizing/consolidating CAS TCs.

- Our TC should keep on refining vision and mission statements along with the TA new direction.

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

- An-Yeu (Andy) Wu (National Taiwan University)
- Masud Chowdhury (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Yehea Ismail (American University Cairo)
- Maged Ghoneima (American University Cairo)
- Eby G. Friedman (University of Rochester)
- Xinmiao Zhang (Case Western Reserve University)
- Izzet Kale (University of Westminster)
- Oscar Gustafsson (Linköping University)
- Amlan Ganguly (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- Myung Hoon Sunwoo (Ajou University)
- Qiaoyan Yu (University of New Hampshire)
- Mladen Berekovic (Technical University of Braunschweig)
- Liang-Gee Chen (National Taiwan University)
- Chaitali Chakrabarti (Arizona State University)
- Paul Ampadu (University of Rochester)
- Sina Balkir (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- Chang Chip Hong (Nanyang Technological University)
- Lan-Da Van (National Chiao-Tung University)
- Zhengya Zhang (University of Michigan)
- Seokbum Ko (University of Saskatchewan)
- Young Hwan Kim (Pohang University of Science and Technology, POSTECH)
- Chua-Chin Wang (National Sun Yat-sen University)
- Vasily Moshnyaga (Fukuoka University)
- Mircea Stan (University of Virginia)
- Koushik Maharatna (University of Southampton)
- Volkan Kursun (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- Gaetano Palumbo (DIEES University of Catania, Italy)
- Shyh Jye Jou (National Chiao Tung University)
- Jun Jin King (Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.)
- Jimsong Kim (Kyung Hee University, Korea)
- Ricardo Reis (University Federal Riogrande do Sul, Brazil)
- Kwen-Siong Chong (Nanyang Technological University)
- Sau-Gee Chen (National Chiao Tung University)
- Chung-Yu (Peter) Wu (National Chiao Tung University)
- Robert Chen-Hao Chang (National Chung Hsing University)
- Alex Fish (Ben - Gurion University)
- Emre Salman (Stony Brook University)
- Zhiyuan Yan (Lehigh University)
- Promod Meher (Institute for Infocomm Research)
- Jum Dong Cho (Sungkyunkwan University)
- Chang, Ik Joon (Kyung Hee University, Korea)
- Tso-Bing Juang (National Pingtung Institute of Commerce)
- Yeong-Kang Lai (National Chung Hsing University)
- Yuan-Hao Huang (National Tsing-Hua University)
- H. K. Kwan (Windsor University)
- Hanho Lee (Inha University)
- Gwee Bah Hwee (Nanyang Technological University)
- Vojin G. Oklobdzija (University of California)

VSA-TC Report
IEEE Services for year 2011
2011

1. Organizers: conferences, workshops, ...

2011 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON IC DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (2011 ICICDT)
Chua-Chin Wang: Conference Chair

A-SSCC
Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Technical Committee Member

ARC
Mladen Berekovic: PC Member

ARITH 2011
Vojin G. Oklobdzija: General Chair

ASAP
Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Program Committee Member

ASILOMAR
Oscar Gustafsson: Student paper contest chair

ASILOMAR CONF ON SIGNALS, SYSTEMS, AND COMPUTERS
Linda DeBrunner: Publicity Chair

ASP-DAC
Danella Zhao: TPC member, Reviewer

ASQED
Malgorzata Chrzanoska-Jeske: Technical Committee
Alexander Fish: Co-chair - Circuit and System Design track
Young Hwan Kim: Program committee member, Reciewer, Session chair
Radu M. Secareanu: TPC Co-Chair

BIOCAS
Robert Rieger: Technical Program Committee Member

DASIP
Jari Nurmi:General co-chair, steering committee member

EAMTA, ICECC, ASICON
Bin Da Liu: TPC member

ECCTD
Massimo Alioto: TPC member
Oscar Gustafsson: Financial chair
Jari Nurmi:Special sessions co-chair

ESTIMEDIA
Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Program Committee Member

EUSIPCO
Oscar Gustafsson: Technical Programme Committee Member

FPL
Mladen Berekovic: PC Member
Jari Nurmi:Steering committee member, TPC member

GLSVLSI
John Lach: technical program committee member

HOST
John Lach: technical program committee member

ICCD
Massimo Alioto: track chair, track chair

ICCSP
Oscar Gustafsson: Technical Programme Committee Member

ICDSC
Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Program Committee Member

ICECS
Massimo Alioto: Tutorial Chair, Tutorial chair

ICL-GNSS
Jari Nurmi:General chair, steering committee chairman

ICME
Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Program Committee Member

ICME 2011
Mladen Berekovic: PC Member

IEEE 54TH INTERNATIONAL MIDWEST SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
Prمود Meher: Track Chair

IEEE CASS SUMMER SCHOOL
Massimo Alioto: Program Co-Chair, Program Co-Chair

IEEE CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS SINGAPORE CHAPTER
Bah Hwee Gwee: Deputy Chair

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CONSUMER ELECTRONICS
Prمود Meher: Program Chair

IEEE ISCAS 2011
Masud Chowdhury: Session Chair, RCM Member and Reviewer

IEEE NANO
 Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske: Technical Committee, Track Chair

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON FUZZY SYSTEMS
 Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor

IEEE VLSI-DAT
 Shyh Jye Jou: TPC Chair

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIMEDIA, SIGNAL PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (IMPACT 201)
 Mohsin Jamali: Publication Chair

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIMEDIA, SIGNAL PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (IMPACT-201)
 Mohsin Jamali: Publication Chair

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTRONIC SYSTEM DESIGN
 Pramod Meher: Program Chair

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VLSI DESIGN, AUTOMATION & TEST (VLSI-DAT)
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Tutorial Program Chair

ISCAS
 Massimo Alioto: track chair
 Mladen Berekovic: RC Member, PC Member
 Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Review Committee Member
 Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Review Committee Member
 Ke-Horng Chen: TC member of IEEE CAS Power Systems and Power Electronic Circuits Technical Committee
 Kwen-Siong Chong: RCM, Session Chairs
 Linda DeBrunner: RCM
 Oscar Gustafsson: Review Committee Member
 Yajun Ha: Reviewers, Session Chairs
 Mohsin Jamali: RCM
 Shyh Jye Jou: VSA-TC members
 Young Hwan Kim: RCM, Reviewer
 Izzet Kale: International Co-ordinator, reviewer, session chair
 Jun Jin Kong: RCM
 John Lach: review committee member
 Hanho Lee: Review Committee, Technical session chair
 Vasily Moshnyaga: TC Member, Session Chair
 Chua-Chin Wang: Reviewer
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Track Chair
 Xinmiao Zhang: Reviewer Committee Member
 Danella Zhao: Review Committee Member, Reviewer

ISCAS, ICCD
 Massimo Alioto: Track Chair

ISIC
 Kwen-Siong Chong: Technical Program Committee (TCP), Session Chair

ISIC 2011
 Bah Hwee Gwee: Technical Program co-Chair

ISLPED
 Vasily Moshnyaga: TPC Member, Session Chair

ISOC
 Hanho Lee: Special session chair

ISVLSI
 Danella Zhao: TPC member, Reviewer

LUND CIRCUIT DESIGN WORKSHOP
 Viktor Öwall: Organizer

MMS
 Izzet Kale: Technical Program Committee

NATW
 Danella Zhao: TPC member, Reviewer

NG-TC
 Shyh Jye Jou: Track Chair

NOCS
 Avinoam Kolodny: TPC and Steering Committee member

NON-VOLATILE MEMORIES WORKSHOP
 Xinmiao Zhang: TPC

NORCHIP
 Oscar Gustafsson: Technical Programme Committee Member
 Jari Nurmi: Steering committee member, TPC member
 Viktor Öwall: General Chair 2011, Member Management Committee

PATMOS
 Oscar Gustafsson: Technical Programme Committee Member
 Vasily Moshnyaga: Program Committee Member

SAMOS
 Mladen Berekovic: PC Member

SIPS
 Shuvra Bhattacharyya: Program Committee Member
 Hanho Lee: Technical Committee member
 Xinmiao Zhang: TPC

SMC
 Vasily Moshnyaga: Program Committee Member

SOC
 Jari Nurmi: General chair, steering committee chairman

SOCC
 Danella Zhao: TPC member, Reviewer

THE IEEE BIOMEDICAL CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS CONFERENCE (BIOCAS) (SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA)
 Bin Da Liu: Review Committee Member

THE IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)
 Bin Da Liu: Review Committee Member

UNESST
 Chantana Chantrapornchai: Reviewer, TPC

VCIP
 Mladen Berekovic: PC Member

WRTL
 Danella Zhao: TPC member, Reviewer

2. Invited talks: plenary sessions, keynotes, invited lectures, tutorials, ...

1ST IEEE CASS SUMMER SCHOOL IN REGION 10 (KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN)
 Ming Dou Ker: Tutorial Speaker

1ST IEEE SOC INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL
 Robert Rieger: Lecturer

CEA 2012
 Vasily Moshnyaga: Plenary Speaker

DEPT. OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
 Hanho Lee: Tutorial

IEEE CASS DISTINGUISHED LECTURES
 Pramod Meher: Speaker

IEEE CASS SUMMER SCHOOL
 Massimo Alioto: Speaker

IEEE WORKSHOP
 Hanho Lee: Invited lectures

INTERNATIONAL SYMP. ON INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, SINGAPORE
 Ming Dou Ker: Tutorial Speaker

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CODING AND CRYPTOLOGY
 Xinmiao Zhang: speaker

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DEKALB, ILLINOIS
 Masud Chowdhury: Invited Speaker, Seminar Title: Design and Research Projects for Undergraduate Students

SOC
 Jari Nurmi: Tutorial on System-Level Modelling, organizer and chairman

3. Editorial services

ACM TRANSACTIONS ON DESIGN AUTOMATION OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Review

IEEE SAUDI INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PHOTONICS CONFERENCE
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Review

IEEE SENSORS
 Alexander Fish: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANS. ON VLSI SYSTEMS
 Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
 Robert Rieger: Associate Editor, Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CAS FOR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CASI, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI
 Vasily Moshnyaga: Reviewer

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEM I
 Chua-Chin Wang: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEM II
 Chua-Chin Wang: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS II
 Pramod Meher: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS II: EXPRESS BRIEF
 Bah Hwee Gwee: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS – PART I
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS-II, EXPRESS BRIEFS
 Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING

Tong Zhang: Associate Editor
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VERY LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED (VLSI) SYSTEMS
 Eby G. Friedman: Chair of steering committee
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VERY LARGE SCALE INTEGRATION (VLSI) SYSTEMS
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS
 Pramod Meher: Associate Editor
 IEEE JOURNAL
 Hanho Lee: Associate Editor
 IJERTCS (IGI GLOBAL)
 Jari Nurmi: Associate editor, guest editor in 2 issues
 INTEGRATION THE VLSI JOURNAL
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor
 INTEGRATION – THE VLSI JOURNAL
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor
 INTEGRATION, THE VLSI JOURNAL
 Oscar Gustafsson: Associate editor
 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Review
 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS, 2011-2012
 Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review
 ISCAS
 Sina Balkir: VLSI track technical review management. Also reviewer for other tracks.
 ISCAS, AHS, TVLSI, TCAS-II
 Radu M. Secareanu: TPC member, reviewer
 ISCAS, ICCD
 Koushik Maharatna: RCM, Program Committee Member
 JECE
 Hanho Lee: Guest Editor
 JOURNAL OF CIRCUIT, SYSTEMS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING (CSSP), SPRINGER PUBLICATION
 Masud Chowdhury: Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF CIRCUITS SYSTEMS AND COMPUTERS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING
 Bah Hwee Gwee: Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS, AND COMPUTERS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 Zhongfeng Wang: Lead Guest Editor
 JOURNAL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF LOW POWER ELECTRONICS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF LOW POWER ELECTRONICS AND APPLICATIONS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor
 JOURNAL OF SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS, SPECIAL ISSUE OF "2010 IEEE WORKSHOP ON SIGNAL PROCESSING SYST
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Lead Guest Editor
 JOURNAL OF SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS, SPRINGER
 Myung H. Sunwoo: Guest Editor
 JSTS
 Hanho Lee: Guest Editor
 MICROELECTRONICS JOURNAL
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor
 TCAS II
 Yajun Ha: Associate Editor
 TCAS PART I
 Gaetano Palumbo: Associated Editor
 TCAS-1
 Xinmiao Zhang: Associate Editor
 TCAS-I
 Chip Hong Chang: Associate Editor
 TCAS-II
 Oscar Gustafsson: Associate editor
 Tong Zhang: Associate Editor
 TVLSI
 Chip Hong Chang: Associate Editor

4. Other professional activities

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer
 ACM TRANSACTIONS ON EMBEDDED COMPUTING SYSTEMS

Jari Nurmi:Reviewer

ASICON
Zhongfeng Wang: TPC

ASQED
Zhongfeng Wang: TPC

BIOCAS TC
Viktor Öwall: member
Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member

BOG
Gaetano Palumbo: member

CASEO TC
Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member

CASS SEOUL CHAPTER
Jun Jin Kong: Committee Member

CDT (IET)
Jari Nurmi:Reviewer

CIRCUITS & SYSTEMS CHAPTER OF THE IEEE SINGAPORE SECTION
Prمود Meher: Committee Member

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS CHAPTER OF THE IEEE SINGAPORE SECTION
Prمود Meher: Chair

CSSP JOURNAL
Prمود Meher: Associate Editor

DATE
Tong Zhang: TPC

DISPS TC, SIGNAL PROCESSING SOCIETY
Wonyong Sung: Chair

ELECTED IEEE CASS BOG
Myung H. Sunwoo: Elected IEEE CASS BoG

ELEVATED IEEE FELLOW
Myung H. Sunwoo: Elevated IEEE Fellow

ESSCIRC
Jari Nurmi:TPC member

GLOBECOM
Zhongfeng Wang: TPC

IEEE ASAP
Zhongfeng Wang: TPC

IEEE CAS SINGAPORE CHAPTER
Yajun Ha: Chapter Chair

IEEE CASS
Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske: BoG, WiCAS Chair

IEEE CASS DLP
Massimo Alioto: member of the coordinating committee

IEEE CASS DLP COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Massimo Alioto: member

IEEE CASS TAIPEI CHAPTER
Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Chapter Chair

IEEE CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATIONS TC
Xinmiao Zhang: Member

IEEE CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS SOCIETY SINGAPORE CHAPTER
Kwen-Siong Chong: Secretary for IEEE CASS Singapore Chapter

IEEE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS TC
Xinmiao Zhang: Member

IEEE ICASSP
Zhongfeng Wang: RCM

IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS)
Lan-Da Van: Session Chair/Co-Chair

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATION)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (NANOELECTRONICS AND GIGASCALE SYSTEMS)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (VLSI SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING SOCIETY, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS (DISPS)
Hanho Lee: Technical committee member

IEEE SSCS SWEDEN CHAPTER
Oscar Gustafsson: Treasurer

IEEE TRANS. ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I
Lan-Da Van: Reviewer

IEEE TRANS. ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS II
Lan-Da Van: Reviewer

IEEE TRANS. ON COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
Lan-Da Van: Reviewer

IEEE TRANS. ON COMPUTERS

Lan-Da Van: Reviewer
 IEEE TRANS. ON VLSI SYSTEMS
 Lan-Da Van: Reviewer
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I & II
 Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTERS
 Jari Nurmi: Reviewer
 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS
 Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer
 IEEE UKRI SECTION CHAPTER CO-ORDINATOR
 Izzet Kale: Co-ordination of all the IEEE UKRI Chapters in ou Section. Advice and support of new Chapter formati
 IEEE UKRI SECTION UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER STUDENT BRANCH COUNSELOR
 Izzet Kale: Advising students on their IEEE related activites
 IEEE UKRI SECTION CAS CHAPTER CHAIR
 Izzet Kale: Chapter Chair
 IEEE UKRI SECTION I&M CHAPTER CHAIR
 Izzet Kale: Chapter Chair
 IJNO (HINDAWI)
 Jari Nurmi: Reviewer
 INTEGRATION (ELSEVIER)
 Jari Nurmi: Reviewer
 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MICROELECTRONICS
 Masud Chowdhury: Reviewer
 ISCAS
 Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer
 Tong Zhang: Review Committee Member
 Xinmiao Zhang: session chair
 JCSC
 Danella Zhao: Reviewer
 MICPRO (ELSEVIER)
 Jari Nurmi: Reviewer
 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
 Masud Chowdhury: Panel Member
 NOCS
 Jari Nurmi: TPC member
 NON-VOLATILE MEMORIES WORKSHOP
 Xinmiao Zhang: Session Chair
 NSF
 Danella Zhao: Proposal Reviewer
 NSF PANEL REVIEWERS
 Xinmiao Zhang: Panel Reviewer
 SIPS
 Tong Zhang: TPC
 TAIWAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY & INSPECTION (BSMI)
 Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member
 TAIWAN CHIP IMPLEMENTATION CENTER
 Robert Rieger: Member of the Peer-Review Committee
 TC
 Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer
 Danella Zhao: Reviewer
 TCAD
 Danella Zhao: Reviewer
 TCAS
 Danella Zhao: Reviewer
 TCAS-I
 Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer
 TCAS-II
 Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer
 TVLSI
 Masud Chowdhury: Reviewer
 Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer
 Danella Zhao: Reviewer
 VLSI DESIGN/CAD SYMPOSIUM
 Lan-Da Van: TPC, Session Chair/Co-Chair
 VLSI SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (VSA-TC)
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Secretary & Chair Elect
 VSA-TC
 Viktor Öwall: member

2011

2011 ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH IN MICROELECTRONICS & ELECTRONICS (PRIMEASIA)
Chua-Chin Wang: Gold Leaf Award

AVENUE MAGAZINE
Wael Badawy: Top 40 under 40

CHINESE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS
Shyh Jye Jou: Outstanding Professor of Engineering

DAC/ISSCC
John Lach: winner, DAC/ISSCC Student Design Contest

IBM T.J.WATSON RESEARCH CENTER
Jun-Dong Cho: The first patent achievement award

IEEE
Wael Badawy: IEEE Special Award for 10 years of service on the ICCE committee
Shuvra Bhattacharyya: IEEE FELLOW

IMMIGRANT SERVICES CALGARY
Wael Badawy: Distinguished Professional Awards

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ACCESS SPACES
Tong Zhang: Best Paper Award

NATIONAL CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY
Lan-Da Van: 2011 National Chiao Tung University Outstanding Researchers Award

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY
Robert Rieger: Outstanding Young Scholar Award

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS
Wael Badawy: Innovator of the Year

STANDARD COUNCIL OF CANADA
Wael Badawy: Award of Excellence

TAIWAN IC DESIGN SOCIETY
Shyh Jye Jou: Advisory Board Member

TAMPERE, FINLAND
Jari Nurmi: Co-recipient of IIDA Innovation Award (with Francescantonio Della Rosa)

THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA MANNING CHAPTER
Wael Badawy: MANNING AWARD

THE UNIVERSITY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE OF OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Mohsin Jamali: Best Poster Technical/Scientific Merit (Radar/IR Based Avian Monitoring System for Wind Turbines)

US
Zhiyuan Yan: National Science Foundation CAREER award

VSA-TC Report
IEEE Services for year 2012
2012

1. Organizers: conferences, workshops, ...

10TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL NEWCAS CONFERENCE, JUNE 17-20, 2012, MONTREAL, CANADA
Masud Chowdhury: Conference Track Chair, Digital Design and Memories

APCCAS
Massimo Alioto: track chair
Bin Da Liu: Advisory Committee Member

APCCAS 2012
Ke-Horng Chen: Tutorial chair

ASILOMAR CONF ON SIGNALS, SYSTEMS, AND COMPUTERS
Linda DeBrunner: Publicity Chair, Steering Committee

ASP-DAC
Yajun Ha: PC

ASQED
Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske: Technical Committee
Alexander Fish: Chair - Circuit and System Design track

ASQED, ASAP, SOCC, SIPS, ISIEA, ICASSP, ISCAS,
Zhongfeng Wang: TPC-M (1 to 5) or RCM (6 to 7)

BIOCAS
Bin Da Liu: Publicity Chair

DASIP
Jari Nurmi: Steering committee member

DSN
John Lach: technical program committee member

ECTI-CARD
Chantana Chantrapornchai: Reviewer, TPC

ESWEEK
Jari Nurmi: Local organization chair

FPL
Jari Nurmi: Steering committee member

GLSVLSI
Tong Zhang: Technical Program Co-Chair
Xinmiao Zhang: TPC

ICASSP
Wonyong Sung: Reviewer
Xinmiao Zhang: reviewer

ICCCAS
Bin Da Liu: General Chair

ICCD
Massimo Alioto: track chair, track chair

ICECS
Massimo Alioto: track chair
Alexander Fish: Co-chair, sensors track

ICIP
Wonyong Sung: Reviewer

ICL-GNSS
Jari Nurmi: Steering committee chairman

ICNC
Xinmiao Zhang: Session Chair

IEEE ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
Shyh Jye Jou: Advisory Committee member

IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIOMEDICAL CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS
Shyh Jye Jou: TPC Chair

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS 2012)
Myung H. Sunwoo: General Chair

IEEE ISCAS 2012
Masud Chowdhury: Session Chair, RCM Member and Reviewer

IEEE VLSI-DAT
Shyh Jye Jou: Conference Chair

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VLSI DESIGN, AUTOMATION & TEST (VLSI-DAT)
An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Technical Program Co-Chair

ISCAS
Massimo Alioto: track chair
Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Review Committee Member
Ke-Horng Chen: TC member of IEEE CAS Power Systems and Power Electronic Circuits Technical Committee
Kwen-Siong Chong: RCM, Session Chairs
Linda DeBrunner: RCM
Oscar Gustafsson: Review Committee Member, International Coordinator

Ming Dou Ker: RCM
 Young Hwan Kim: TPC
 Jun Jin Kong: RCM, Session Chair (and Special Session Organizer), Industrial Coordinators
 John Lach: review committee member
 Bin Da Liu: RCM
 Hanho Lee: Secretary General
 Pramod Meher: Review Committee Member, Session Chair
 Jari Nurmi: RCM
 Wonyong Sung: Reviewer, Conference Advisor
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Track Chair, Session Chair
 Xinmiao Zhang: Session Chair, Reviewer Committee

ISCAS 2012
 Mohsin Jamali: Session Chair- System Design Methodology, Session Chair- System Design Methodology

ISCAS, ISLPED AND SIPS
 Chaitali Chakrabarti: Technical Program Committee member, Technical Program Committee member

ISCAS, SEOUL KOREA
 Myung H. Sunwoo: General Chair

ISOCC
 Jun-Dong Cho: Track Chair in Design Methodologies

KST
 Chantana Chantrapornchai: Reviewer, TPC

LASCAS
 Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske: Technical Program Co-Chair

MWSCAS
 Massimo Alioto: track chair
 Pramod Meher: Track Chair

NEWCAS
 Massimo Alioto: Technical Program Chair
 Pramod Meher: Track Chair

NG-TC
 Shyh Jye Jou: Track Chair

NON-VOLATILE MEMORIES WORKSHOP
 Xinmiao Zhang: TPC

NORCHIP
 Jari Nurmi: Steering committee member

PATMOS
 Oscar Gustafsson: Technical Programme Committee Member

SIPS
 Zhiyuan Yan: Finance Chair
 Tong Zhang: Technical Program Co-Chair
 Xinmiao Zhang: Publication Chair and TPC
 Zhengya Zhang: Technical Program Committee Member

SOC
 Jari Nurmi: General chair, steering committee chairman

SOCC (SYSTEM ON CHIP CONFERENCE) NIAGARA FALL, USA
 Ramalingam Sridhar: General Chair

VLSI SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (VSA-TC)
 An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Secretary & Chair Elect

2. Invited talks: plenary sessions, keynotes, invited lectures, tutorials, ...

IEEE CASS DISTINGUISHED LECTURES
 Pramod Meher: Speaker

IEEE ELECTRON DEVICES MINI-COLLOQUIUM (CHENGDU CHAPTER)
 Ming Dou Ker: Invited Talk

IEEE INTERNATIONAL RELIABILITY PHYSICS SYMPOSIUM
 Ming Dou Ker: Tutorial Speaker

ISCAS
 Massimo Alioto: Poster Session Chair

JCSSE
 Chantana Chantrapornchai: Reviewer, invited lecture

POWER DELIVERY IN HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (MAY)
 Eby G. Friedman: Invited Talk

SPIN TORQUE MTJ-BASED CIRCUITS FOR VLSI APPLICATIONS (MARCH)
 Eby G. Friedman: Invited Talk

TCAS-II
 Massimo Alioto: Guest Editor

3. Editorial services

ACM TRANSACTIONS ON DESIGN AUTOMATION OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS
 Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

ANALOG INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING

Eby G. Friedman: Associate Editor

ELSEVIER M&M

Mladen Berekovic: Associate Editor

IEE TCSVT

Mladen Berekovic: Associate Editor

IEEE JOURNAL ON EMERGING AND SELECTED TOPICS IN CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS

Eby G. Friedman: Associate Editor

IEEE SENSORS

Alexander Fish: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANS. CIRCUITS & SYSTEMS I, IEEE TRANS. CIRCUITS II, IEEE JOURNAL OF SOLID-STATE CIRCUITS, IEE

Kwen-Siong Chong: Reviewers

IEEE TRANS. ON VLSI SYSTEMS

Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Assoc. Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS

Robert Rieger: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I

Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review, Technical Review

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I: REGULAR PAPERS

Pramod Meher: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS – PART I

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS-II, EXPRESS BRIEFS

Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON FUZZY SYSTEMS

Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON POWER ELECTRONICS

Ke-Horng Chen: Associate editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING

Zhiyuan Yan: Area editor for HDW

Tong Zhang: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VERY LARGE SCALE INTEGRATION (VLSI) SYSTEMS

Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review

Eby G. Friedman: Chair, Steering Committee

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS

Pramod Meher: Associate Editor

IJERTCS (IGI GLOBAL)

Jari Nurmi: Associate editor, guest editor of 2 issues

INTEGRATION – THE VLSI JOURNAL

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

INTEGRATION, THE VLSI JOURNAL

Oscar Gustafsson: Associate editor

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS, 2011-2012

Magdy Ali El-Moursy: Technical Review

ISCAS

Sina Balkir: VLSI track technical review management. Also reviewer for other tracks.

ISCAS, ICCD, SIPS, VLSI-SOC

Koushik Maharatna: RCM, PC Member

JOURNAL OF CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS, AND COMPUTERS

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor, Associate Editor

Eby G. Friedman: Regional Editor - (US Regional Editor)

JOURNAL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Bin Da Liu: Associate Editor

JOURNAL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, SPECIAL ISSUE ON "NETWORKS-ON-CHIP: ARCHITECTURES,

An Yeu (Andy) Wu: Guest Editor

JOURNAL OF LOW POWER ELECTRONICS

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

Eby G. Friedman: Associate Editor

JOURNAL OF LOW POWER ELECTRONICS AND APPLICATIONS

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

Eby G. Friedman: Associate Editor

JOURNAL OF SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS

Zhiyuan Yan: Associate Editor

MICPRO (ELSEVIER)

Jari Nurmi: Guest editor

MICROELECTRONICS JOURNAL

Massimo Alioto: Associate Editor

Eby G. Friedman: Associate Editor

T-SP

Linda DeBrunner: Reviewer

TCAS II

Ke-Horng Chen: Associate editor

Yajun Ha: Associate Editor

TCAS-1
Xinmiao Zhang: associate editor

TCAS-I
Chip Hong Chang: Associate Editor, Guest Editor

TCAS-II
Oscar Gustafsson: Associate editor
Tong Zhang: Associate Editor

TCAS-II, TVLSI
Zhongfeng Wang: AE

TVLSI
Chip Hong Chang: Associate Editor

4. Other professional activities

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer

BIOCAS TC
Viktor Öwall: Member
Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member

BOG
Gaetano Palumbo: member

CAS SOCIETY IEEE FELLOW COMMITTEE (CHAIR 2006)
Eby G. Friedman: Committee Member

CAS SOCIETY VAN VALKENBURG AWARD COMMITTEE
Eby G. Friedman: Committee Chair

CASEO TC
Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member

CDT (IET)
Jari Nurmi: Reviewer

CIRCUITS & SYSTEMS CHAPTER OF THE IEEE SINGAPORE SECTION
Pramod Meher: Committee Member

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS CHAPTER OF THE IEEE SINGAPORE SECTION
Pramod Meher: Chair

CSSP JOURNAL
Pramod Meher: Associate Editor

DISPS TC, SIGNAL PROCESSING SOCIETY
Wonyong Sung: Past Chair

DISPS, CASCOS
Xinmiao Zhang: TC member

ECTI
Chantana Chantrapornchai: Reviewer,

EMBEDDED SYSTEMS LETTERS
Jari Nurmi: Reviewer

EWME
Jari Nurmi: TPC member

IEEE CAS SINGAPORE CHAPTER
Yajun Ha: Chapter Chair

IEEE CASS
Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske: BoG

IEEE CASS DLP COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Massimo Alioto: member

IEEE CASS TAIPEI CHAPTER
Robert Chen-Hao Chang: Chapter Chair

IEEE CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS SOCIETY SINGAPORE CHAPTER
Kwen-Siong Chong: Secretary for IEEE CASS Singapore Chapter

IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS)
Lan-Da Van: Session Chair/Co-Chair

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATION)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (NANOELECTRONICS AND GIGASCALE SYSTEMS)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (ISCAS) (VLSI SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS)
Lan-Da Van: TC

IEEE SSCS SWEDEN CHAPTER
Oscar Gustafsson: Treasurer

IEEE TRANS. ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I
Lan-Da Van: Reviewer

IEEE TRANS. ON MULTIMEDIA
Lan-Da Van: Reviewer

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I & II
Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VLSI SYSTEMS
Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer

ISCAS

Tso-Bing Juang: Reviewer
Qiaoyan Yu: Joined the VSA-TC in the 2012 TC meeting, Joined the VSA-TC in the 2012 TC meeting
Tong Zhang: Review Committee Member
Zhengya Zhang: Session Chair

MCSOC

Jari Nurmi:TPC member

NOCS

Jari Nurmi:TPC member

RECOSOC

Jari Nurmi:TPC member

TAIWAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY & INSPECTION (BSMI)

Robert Rieger: Technical Committee Member

TAIWAN CHIP IMPLEMENTATION CENTER (CIC)

Robert Rieger: Peer-Review Committee Member

TAMPERE CONVENTION BUREAU

Jari Nurmi:Board member

TC

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer

TCAS-I

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer

TCAS-II

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer

TVLSI

Chip Hong Chang: Reviewer

UPINLBS

Jari Nurmi:TPC member

VLSI DESIGN/CAD SYMPOSIUM

Lan-Da Van: TPC

VSA-TC

Viktor Öwall: Member

Awards and honors for year 2012

2012

IEEE

Chaitali Chakrabarti: IEEE Fellow (class of 2012)

Tso-Bing Juang: Senior Member

IEEE CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS SOCIETY

Eby G. Friedman: VLSI TRANSACTIONS BEST PAPER AWARD

TAIWAN IC DESIGN SOCIETY

Shyh Jye Jou: Advisory Board Member

THE UNIVERSITY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE OF OHIO HAS PRESENTED THE 2012 ENERGY RESEARCH POSTER SESSION T

Mohsin Jamali: Technical/Scientific Merit Award for poster by Golrokh Mirzaei, Selin A. Bastas, Jeremy Ross, Mohamm