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#### A. IEEE Ottawa Section Events

1.TITLE:Lessons Learned from Post 8/13/03 Blackouts:

An Educator's Point of View

SPEAKER: Dr. Mo El-Hawary, IEEE Fellow, IEEE PES Distinguished Lecturer, Professor, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN

DATE: Friday 5th September 2008

TIME: Refreshments, Registration and Networking: 06:00 p.m.;

Seminar: 06:30 p.m. - 08:00 p.m.

PLACE: Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave., School of Advanced Technology, Building-T, Room T129.

PARKING: No fee after 5:00 p.m. at the Visitors' Parking Lots 8 (green) & 9 (red). Please respect restricted areas.

ADMISSION: All welcome - Free.

REGISTRATION: pre-registration Registration required. To ensure a seat, please register by e-mail contacting: almuhtadi@ieee.org.
ORGANIZED BY: IEEE PES Ottawa Chapter, IEEE Ottwaw Section and IEEE

Canada - Easetern Area

CONTACT: details - Wahab Almuhtadi almuhtadi@ieee.org , and Amir Aghdam aghdam@ieee.org

http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/ottawa/

ABSTRACT: The presentation will focus on the events surrounding the major Northeast North American blackout which interrupted electric power service to fifty million people in the US and Canada. We will also highlight earlier and subsequent blackouts in North America and Europe. Technical causes and the lessons learned from follow-up system studies will be introduced. The discussion will then shift to the effect of the findings on how the power engineering curriculum might reflect these new findings. Opportunities for research and development are highlighted.

2. TITLE: IEEE Computer Society - Ottawa Chapter technical talk

SPEAKER: Dr. Andy Adler, an Associate,

at Carleton University.

DATE: Tuesday September 9, 2008

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Minto Board Room (First floor, near the main entrance)

Minto (CASE) Engineering Building

Carleton University - 1125 Colonel By Drive

ORGANIZED BY: IEEE Computer Society - Ottawa Chapter

URL of the details: http://ottawa.ieee.ca/cs/

CONTACT: Email: Rami Abielmona, rabielmo@ieee.org

ABSTRACT:

The IEEE Computer Society - Ottawa Chapter will be holding a chapter technical talk entitled 'Biometrics & Authentication Technologies: security issues', and will be given by Dr. Andy Adler, an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Biomedical Engineering at Carleton University.

3. TITLE: Al Gore's "The Inconvenient Truth" presented by

Nathalie Lavigne of EcoVerde. DATE: September 23, 2008

DURATION: 90 minutes

TIME: contact RaedAbdullah@ieee.org

LOCATION: contact RaedAbdullah@ieee.org

For further details please contact Raed Abdullah at e-mail

RaedAbdullah@ieee.org with the subject

"Al Gore's 'The Inconvenient Truth' "

4. The IEEE Reliability Society in conjunction with its Ottawa Chapter, and the Student Branches will be hosting a series of presentations throughout the day this September 25th, 2008. Your action is needed:

contact Raed Abdullah @ E-mail: RaedAbdullah@ieee.org

<sup>\*</sup> If you wish more detail, or a reminder, as the planning is finalized, OR

<sup>\*</sup> If you wish to sponsor a presentation or the event, OR

<sup>\*</sup> If you wish to volunteer.

5. The Ottawa Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario jointly with the IEEE Ottawa Section Technology Management Council cordially invites you to attend a special information session. The event will provide our audience with a unique learning opportunities in HOW TO maintain your company's competitiveness and HOW TO leverage the skills of Canadian engineering workers who may be challenged when seeking employment: older, younger, immigrants and under employed engineers.

SPEAKERS: Ms. Lisa MacLeod MPP, Dr. Linda Manning, Ms. D. Lynne Watt.

Mr. Gilles Bérubé, Mr. Norm Sterling MPP.

DATE: Friday, October 3, 2008

TIME: 07:30 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. FOR Registration, Coffee & networking)

08:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Presentations and Discussions

LOCATION: Air Force Officers' Mess, 158 Gloucester St, Ottawa

ADMISSION: \$15 (Free to PEO and IEEE members)

REGISTRATION: Required as Space is limited for this event; so please

confirm your attendance before September 23, 2008. CONTACT: Wengin shao@yahoo.ca or 613 954-6125.

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6. TITLE: ROSE 2008 - IEEE International Workshop on Robotic and Sensors Environments

SPEAKERS: on the website http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

DATE: October 17 - 18, 2008

TIME: on the website http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

LOCATION: SITE, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

PARKING: on the website http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

ADMISSION: on the website http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

REGISTRATION: on the website

http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

ORGANIZED BY: IEEE Canada, Vancouver Section and BC Hydro

TECHNICAL SPONSOR: IEEE Ottawa Section

DETAILS: http://www.site.uottawa.ca/ROSE2008/

CONTACTS: Pierre Payeur (ppayeur@site.uottawa.ca),

Chris Dyer (cdyer@conferencecatalysts.com)

ABSTRACT: Not applicable/Not provided

7. TITLE:LEOS Symposium on Recent Advancements in Photonics SPEAKERS: 1. LEOS Distinguished Lecturer, Prof. Silvano Donati,

Dip. Elettronica, Universita Pavia, Italy

SUBJECT: Coupling Dynamics in Semiconductor Lasers and Applications

to Self-Mixing Interferometry and Chaotic Cryptography

2. John C. Cartledge Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering,

Queen's University, Canada

SUBJECT: Optical and Electronic Signal Processing for Fiber-Optic

Communications

DATE:Friday October 24, 2008

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – noon

LOCATION: M-50 Auditorium, NRC Campus, Montreal Road, Ottawa

PARKING: Free ADMISSION: Free

REGISTRATION: Must Register in Advance ORGANIZED BY: IEEE LEOS Ottawa Chapter

http://ottawa.ieee.ca/leos/

CONTACT: LEOS Ottawa Chapter Chair Dr Kexing Liu

kexing.liu@ieee.org

ABSTRACT: For a list of the talk abstracts, Please visit LEOS Ottawa

Chapter web site for details

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## 8. 2008 AGM -- Pre-Announcement

The event will follow a similar dinner format as in 2007 and will be held late October, early November. Request to audition (or recommend for audition) for MC may be placed with Wahab Almuhtadi, IEEE Ottawa Section Chair almuhtadi@ieee.org To save the section money, if you wish to be notified by e-mail only, send your request to Alfredo Herrera, IEEE Ottawa Section Secretary alfredo.herrera@ieee.org If you wish to volunteer, contact Wahab Almuhtadi, IEEE Ottawa Section Chair almuhtadi@ieee.org

Any further suggestions, comments, questions or concerns may be addressed by Raed Abdullah, IEEE Ottawa Section Vice-Chair RaedAbdullah@ieee.org

#### 1. New IEEE Senior Members in the Ottawa Section

The Following members were upgraded to Senior Member status in July 2008.

Shamaie, Atid Member of CI and CS Thayaparan, Thayananthan Society Membership unknown Wainer, Gabriel Member of CS

Congratulations for elevation to IEEE Senior member grade!

IEEE Senior Member Program Page: http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/index.html

2.TITLE:Electrical Power & Energy Conference (EPC 2008)

"Energy Innovation"

SPEAKERS: on the website http://www.ieee.ca/epc08

DATE: October 6 - 7, 2008

TIME: on the website http://www.ieee.ca/epc08 LOCATION: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada PARKING: on the website http://www.ieee.ca/epc08 ADMISSION: on the website http://www.ieee.ca/epc08 REGISTRATION: on the website http://www.ieee.ca/epc08

ORGANIZED BY: IEEE Canada, Vancouver Section and BC Hydro

TECHNICAL SPONSOR: IEEE Ottawa Section

DETAILS: http://www.ieee.ca/epc08

CONTACTS: Ebrahim Vaahedi and Moe Kia ABSTRACT: Not applicable/Not provided

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3. TITLE: 2008 IEEE International Carnahan Conference on Security

Technology (ICCST), Prague, Czech Rep. SPEAKERS: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08

DATE: October 13 - 16, 2008

TIME: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08

LOCATION: Diplomat Hotel Prague, Czech Republic

PARKING: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08 ADMISSION: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08 REGISTRATION: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08 ORGANIZED BY: IEEE Czechoslovakia Section & IEEE Aerospace

and

Electronic Systems Society

TECHNICAL SPONSOR: IEEE Ottawa Section

DETAILS: http://www.ieee.org/iccst08

CONTACTS: Milo Klíma and Gordon Thomas ABSTRACT: Not applicable/Not provided

4. TITLE: The 2nd Climate Change Technology Conference 2009

SPEAKERS: on the web site.

Date: May 12, 2009 - May 15, 2009

TIME: http://www.cctc2009.ca

Location: The CCTC2009 will be held on the campus of McMaster

University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

PARKING: http://www.cctc2009.ca ADMISSION: http://www.cctc2009.ca REGISTRATION: http://www.cctc2009.ca

ORGANIZED BY: The CCTC2009 is organized by the Engineering

Institute

of Canada (EIC) in association with nine of its member societies.

DETAILS: http://ieee.ca/news/2008/jun2008.htm and

http://www.cctc2009.ca

CONTACTS: http://www.cctc2009.ca and click on Contact

ABSTRACT: The 2nd Climate Change Technology Conference (CCTC

2009)

is a Canadian/ international forum for engineers, scientists, policy advisors, industry and other stakeholders to share and exchange new information and ideas for dealing with climate change and global warming. It also provides an opportunity for participants to keep abreast of emerging techniques and technologies for the mitigation of, and adaptation to, the impacts of climate change.

The conference theme: Climate Change ...... Deal with It! emphasizes the needs to develop practical engineering and administrative responses to address issues associated with the impacts of climate change and global warming. For more details, visit the "Call for Papers" page.

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### C. Non-IEEE News and Events/Announcements

1)NATO Advanced Study Institute 2008 workshop in Laser Control & Monitoring in New Materials, Biomedicine, Environment, Security & Defense, will be held November 25th to December 5th, 2008 in Ottawa, Canada, at Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The ASI is organized by the Center of Research in Photonics (University of Ottawa). An international faculty of world renowned researchers will teach various aspects of both fundamental and applied research in recently emerged directions of laser physics, fusion, combustion, photobiology and biomedicine, nanotechnology and material processing to advanced PhD students and postdoctoral fellows from industry, university and government laboratories. Advanced Study Institute Co-Directors: Professor Dr. Trevor J Hall, University of Ottawa, Dr. Sergey V. Gaponenko, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus Scientific Program Co-Chairs: Dr. Paul Corkum, University of Ottawa/National Research Council of Canada, Dr. Albert Stolow, National Research Council of Canada

Website: http://www.photonics.uottawa.ca/nato-asi-2008/ Application deadline: September 1, 2008 (ICIP/CIPI will be providing partial registration fees, value of \$1000, for students. You can download this grant application forms from www.cipi.ulaval.ca.

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