## Looking at the IEEE, Differently



You want to take a different look at the IEEE? Start looking at yourself! Yes! You!

You belong to a member organization that is called the IEEE. That means

that the IEEE is very much a reflection of yourself. Did you ever consider looking at the IEEE as a mirror? No? Then start doing it: the EEEI ! 'I', or me, seems to be an important element of it. At least, in my mirror 'I' is the last 'word' to say.

So is the IEEE really a mirror of you? Do you find 'everything' of yourself in it? Your professional, educational and networking needs? If yes, you can shout 'Hurray the IEEE is on the right track!'. If not, you should speak up and have your voice heard in the IEEE. That way, you help your association to improve for you.

This is exactly what I am doing myself now. As the 2003 R8 GOLD

Coordinator, I ask myself: what can I do to make the IEEE more interesting for young professionals like me? And I ask you, write to me about your answer to that question so that we may start to help ourselves.

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# IEEE regionsGOLD

## **GOLD in Egypt**

#### Networking Industry with Academia

Networking industry was a main goal of our SB (Student Branch) in 2002; also it's the main goal for 2003 Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) activities. Our activities included: Introducing to the interested students how they can register their patents in simple and easy steps with the help of the Acedmy of Scientific Research and supply them with documents needed.

An agreement was done between Dr. Salah Al-Kashef the Director of Fekrah.org (means Idea in Arabic) and me representing our student branch as the Chairman that time. The famous Egyptian portal serves as a link between industry and academia by offering free listing of any new ideas in any fields of life; interested industry or business leaders can search the abstracts of the ideas and contact the idea submitter directly. We agreed to start a new section in the portal for ideas related to electrical and electronics engineering submitted by members of the IEEE.

#### **Visually Impaired**

An IEEE member in our SB implemented a new approach in his graduation project to guide the visually impaired in closed preequipped places using Bluetooth wireless technology. Our SB is trying to connect this project with interested Blinds associations in Egypt and worldwide; if interested in the project or know any interested Blinds associations please email Bluetoothjava@yahoo.com for more info. Our activities in Industry-Academic networking was featured by a national newspaper called "Al-Alam Al-Yom" (the world today) in three separate articles explaining our technical seminars and how they explain new market technologies to the students.

#### Wireless Networking Workshop in Egypt

A workshop entitled "Introduction to Wireless Networking" will be held in the 25th of March 2003 with sponsorship from Hire Technology Center Co. The invitation is open to everyone so I hope I could see you there!

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### First Official GOLD in Russia

#### SIBCON-2003

IEEE-Siberian Conference on Control and Communications October 1-2, 2003 Tomsk Polytechnic University Russia SIBCON-2003 will be the first official

GOLD conference in Russia.

Topics include Methods of Computing and Applied Mathematics in Communication and Control Systems; Modeling in Modern Technologies of



Control and Information Processing; Instruments, Methods and Algorithms for Testing and Diagnostics; Crypto Protection

of Communication. Report from last conference can be seen at http://www.comsoc.org/e-news/2002/apr/.

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