

IEEE CSS Distinguished Lecturer Program

In this issue, we continue our discussion of member activities with a summary of the Distinguished Lecturer Program within the IEEE Control Systems Society (CSS). If you would like nominate a candidate to the position of Distinguished Lecturer, or if you would like to find out more information about hosting a lecturer, please contact Ian Petersen (irp@ee.adfa.edu.au) or me (tomlin@eecs.berkeley.edu).

We encourage you to become a member of IEEE CSS if you are not already. Please see <http://www.ieeecss.org>.

—Claire Tomlin

The IEEE Control Systems Society (CSS) Distinguished Lecturer Program allows IEEE Chapters, Sections, and Subsections to provide their Members with interesting and informative lectures from distinguished speakers in the area of control systems. Currently, we have a pool of 14 distinguished lecturers. Each lecturer is appointed for an initial term of three years. However, popular lecturers are often reappointed for additional terms. The lecturers are appointed after first being nominated by the chair of the Distinguished Lecturer Committee or by any other member of the CSS Member Activities Board. From this pool of nominations, the Member Activities Board decides on three potential lecturers, who are then approached. If they are agreeable, their nominations are forwarded to the Executive Committee of the CSS for final approval.

Details of all of the current distinguished lecturers are available on the CSS Web site (<http://www.ieeecss.org>) together with details of potential lectures that the lecturers have agreed to offer. An IEEE Chapter, Section, or Subsection may host a distinguished lecture by first contacting the lecturer, arranging a mutually agreeable time,

and determining a budget. Although the lecturers do not receive an honorarium, their travel expenses are reimbursed. These expenses are funded in a cost-sharing arrangement with the

IEEE CSS contributing at most 80% of the total travel expenses with the local Chapter, Section, or Subsection contributing the remainder. The chair of the Distinguished Lecturer Committee approves the proposed lecture and budget. The main criterion for approval is that the lecture must be open to all IEEE Members free of charge. This criterion means that the lecture cannot be part of a workshop or conference requiring IEEE Members to register or for which there may be restrictions on attendance.

—Ian Petersen



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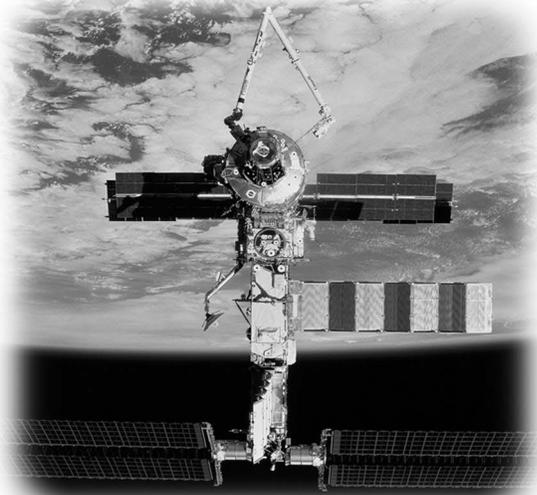


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