Kansai Section Report

PART A - SECTION SUMMARY

A.1 Executive Summary

A.1-1 Section Executive Committee Member List (2021)

Section Officers:

Chair: Yutaka Hata (University of Hyogo)
Vice-Chair: Shinichi Matsui (Panasonic Corporation)
Secretary/Treasurer: Tatsuaki Ishida (Panasonic Corporation)

Standing Committee Chairs:

Membership Development Committee Chair:

Takashi Sato (Kyoto University)

Nominations Committee Chair:

Tadahiko Murata (Kansai University)

Student Activities Committee Chair:

Yohei Fukumizu (Ritsumeikan University)

Technical Program Committee Chair:

Tetsuzo Ueda (Panasonic Corporation)

Awards Committee Chair:

Fumihiko Ino (Osaka University)

Chapter Operations Committee Chair:

Hideki Tode (Osaka Prefecture University)

Affinity Group Chairs:

Life Members Affinity Group Chair:

Masaaki Kobayashi (formerly Mitsubishi Electric Corporation)

WIE (Women in Engineering) Affinity Group Chair:

Yukiko Yanagawa (OMRON Corporation)

YP (Young Professionals) Affinity Group Chair:

Jun Shiomi (Osaka University)

Other member appointed by the Section Executive Committee:

Educational Activities Chair:

Shinji Tanabe (formerly Mitsubishi Electric Corporation)

Past Officers/ Past Committee Chairs:

Past Chair: Toshiharu Sugie (Kyoto University)

Past TPC Chair: Takanobu Nishiura (Ritsumeikan University)

A.1-2 Section Highlights

IEEE Kansai Section was established in November 1998, expecting its 25 years anniversary in 2023. As of December 2021, it comprises 2,134 members (see B.1).

In 2021, Kansai Section had five Executive Committee Meetings, an Annual Section Meeting and two Technical Meetings sponsored by TPC, Kansai Section.

We continued efforts to expand and enhance activities focusing on young people, with activities of LMAG, WIE, YP, and EA being activated. For example, A newly planned and organized EA event was held in a hybrid manner (on-site and online) on August 21st. A talk event on "Doctors' Carrier" jointly hosted by Kansai Section and Sendai Section was held on-line on September 11th. Having been held for past several years, it's now becoming an annual event of Kansai Section. An online lecture and practice event on Overleaf (LaTeX) was held on September 25th. Also, an LMAG member,

two YP members, and an SB member participated on-site in MAW 2001 and Japan SYWL Workshop held in Sapporo on October 30th and 31st, respectively. English presentation tournament by SB was held on-site at Ritsumeikan University on October 23rd.

Similarly, other Committee, AG and Chapter events were held online, on-site (in-person) or in a hybrid manner (on-site and online), according to the individual situation regarding COVID-19 infection spread.

A.1-3 Major Events (International, National)

A.1-3-1 Administrative Meetings

Kansai Section had the following five Executive Committee Meetings in 2021.

1. 1st Executive Committee Meeting Date: January 26th Place: On-line (WebEX) Attendance: 17

Issues: 2021 Activities and Financial Plans

Arrangements for 2021 Annual Meeting of Kansai Section

2. 2nd Executive Committee Meeting
 Place: On-line (WebEX)
 Attendance: 18
 Issue: Arrangements for 2021 Annual Meeting of Kansai Section

3. 3rd Executive Committee Meeting Date: May 26th Place: On-line (WebEX) Attendance: 17

Issue: Report on 1st Japan Council ExCom meeting

On application for 2021 Section YP Awards and 2021 Section Student Paper Awards

Reports on other meetings and events

4. 4th Executive Committee Meeting Date: September 16th

Place: On-line (WebEX) Attendance: 15

Issues: Report on 2nd Japan Council ExCom meeting

Application for 2021 Japan Council Section Support On IEEE Kansai Section 25years anniversary events

Reports on other meetings and events

5. 5th Executive Committee Meeting Date: December 27th

Place: Osaka Institute of Technology & On-line (WebEX) Attendance: 17

Issues: 2022 Executive Committee members (Incl. 2023/2024 candidate Section Officers)

2021 Section YP Awards and Student Paper Awards selection results

2021 activity report and financial settlement

2022 activity and financial plans Reports on other meetings and events

A.1-3-2 Annual Section Meeting

Kansai Section held Annual Section Meeting on February 18th in 2021 on-line with the attendees of 60 members. Committees, Chapters, and Affinity Group made presentations on their activity achievement in 2020 and activity plans in 2021.

In the meeting, 9 students were awarded the best paper awards. And 19 new Senior Members were awarded Kansai Section Medals.

Also, 2 out of 3 new Fellow members made presentations about their research accomplishment.

A.1-4 Major Chapter Activities

• A total of more than 70 events such as seminars, technical lecture meetings etc. were held by Chapters or jointly hosted by Chapters with other organizations, and more than 5,000 people participated in total (B.2).

- Notable events that a lot of attendees participated in are as follows.
- On March 9th-10th, 2021, at Nara Royal Hotel, "IEEE LifeTech2021." The number of participants was 190.
- On October 11th, 2021, at Ryukoku University, "IEEE Digital Symposium." The number of participants was 350.
- On October 12nd-15th, 2021, at Mielparque Kyoto, "IEEE 9th Global Conference on Consumer Electronics (GCCE2021)." The number of participants was 430.
- On March 17th, by on-line web conference, "IEEE SSCS Technical Seminar (Debrief Meeting on ISSCC 2021)." The number of participants was 270.
- On May 10th-11th, 2021, by on-line web conference, "LSI and Systems Workshop 2021" The number of participants was 811.

A.1-5 Major Student and Affinity Group Activities

- "English Presentation Competition" co-sponsored by LMAG and SB were held twice, one by on-line on January 9th, 2021, and the other at Ritsumeikan University on October 23rd.
- "MDC, SAC and YP Joint Workshops" were held twice in June and December 2021 to support YP members and women members.
- "Student Branch Chair Meeting" was held on-line within SB Chairs on June 27th, 2021. Activities of first half, 2021 were reviewed, and networking among SB Chairs was promoted.
- WIE Affinity Group held WIE symposium 2021 (see Photographs) at Osaka Institute of Technology and online on September 27, 2021, the number of attendees of which was 54. The symposium consisted of three invited talks by female researchers and group talk session on-site and online using the break-out rooms of the web meeting system.
- Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) gave up holding technical meetings due to COVID-19 infection spread. However, it hosted some other Events, such as an online talk event, LMAG Salon, SB English Presentation Competition, etc. Some LMAG members also joined by online R10 LMAG Meet (see Photographs) three times, and R10 LMC Meet.
- Kansai Section newly planned an Educational Activities event mainly targeting young members, high school and university students, and held the event entitled "Learn cutting-edge-technologies in English" at Osaka Institute of Technology and online on August 21, 2021 (see Photographs).

A.1-6 Awards

- Kansai Section Student Paper Awards were presented to 9 recipients in 2021.
- Kansai Section Young Professional Award was presented to 2 recipients in 2021.
- Kansai Section medals were presented to 19 newly elevated senior members in 2021.
- In "English Presentation Competition" co-sponsored by LMAG and SB, LMAG Award was presented to 1 student.

A.2 Financial Report

Kansai Section's finances are in good condition as shown below. However, since the surplus carried forward was considerably higher than we had expected due to COVID-19 infection spread. Kansai Section now considers more Section Activation Events, including newly planned MDC event, exchange event between YP and SB, etc. in 2022. Kansai Section also plans that the surplus be spent for Kansai Section's 25 years anniversary special event in 2023.

Income	(JPY)	
IEEE Headquarters	2,352,425	Remarks
Section Rebate	1,418,791	Section Rebate \$12,998 (109.27 JPY/USD) - Bank Fee
· Chapter Rebate Payments	▲ 248,586	(\$200X10)X1.1+\$75X1=\$2,275
· Affinity Group Rebate Payments	▲ 72,588	
· SB Rebate	111,485	\$1,034.00 (109.27 JPY/USD) - Bank Fee
· SB Rebate Payments	▲ 112,986	
Section Rebate Subtotal	1,096,116	
Section Assessment 2021	3,630,232	First half \$33,616.38 (107.99 JPY/USD
Japan Council Payments	▲ 3,085,697	85% of Section Assessment + Bank Transfer Fee
Section Assesment Subtotal	544,535	
· LMAG Fund	0	
WIE Fund	44,840	R10 Fund
• YP Fund	44,789	R10 Fund, Incentive
AG Fund Subtotal	89,629	
	482,460	R10 Section Incentives for 2020 Activities \$2,500 (102.40 JPY/USD) R10 Section Incentives for 2021 Activities \$2,000 (113.23 JPY/USD)
	123,748	R10 Best Membership Retention Award \$500 (113.12JPY/USD) R10 Incentive, SPNIC Survey \$600 (111.98JPY/USD)
	15,937	Interest of CB Account and Domestic MUFJG Bank Account
Other Expense	622,145	
Section Support from Japan Council	105,418	
Section Support (SB)	0	
Section Support (WIE)	0	
Section Support (EA)	105,418	
Section Support (Awards related)	0	
Subtotal	2,457,843	
Surplus Carried Forward	4,614,399	Domestic MUFJ Account: ¥278,560 CB Account: \$40,294.48 (TTB Avg:107.60)
Total	7,072,242	

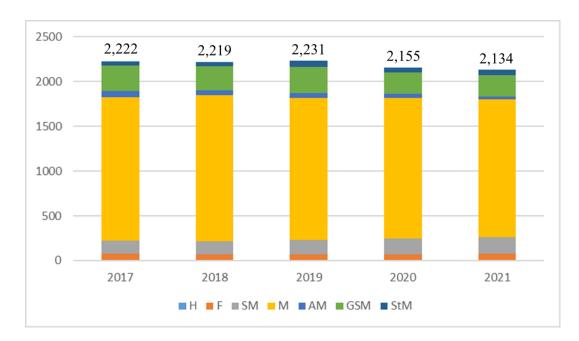
Expense	(JPY)	
Meetings, Awards and Support	1,466,381	Remarks
Activation Activities of Kansai Section	801,947	YP, NC and EA Events, Equipment for Web Conference
Annual Meeting	24,886	Brochure, Awards, Supplies, etc.
Annual Meeting Banquet Participation Fee	0	Banquet cancelled due to COVID-19 Infection spread
Technical Meeting (TPC)	60,000	113th - 114th: Gratitude for Lecturers
Executive Committeee Meetings	67,415	Room Charges, Cancelation, Supplies, etc.
Committee Meetings	0	No expense with all meetings held on-line
YP Awards, Student Paper Awards, Kansai Medal Awards, etc.	344,744	Awards, Certificate, Medals, Postage, etc.
Student Branch Support	0	No expense with all meetings being held on-line
LMAG Support	55,000	Award, Gratitude for Lecturers, Expense for English sentense correction, etc.
WIE Support	112,389	WIE Symposium, etc.
EA Support	0	
Others	8,196	
Carriage expense	8,196	Travel Fee, Kansai Section's equipment and materials
Charge for Services	241,352	
Bank Transfer Fee	241,352	
Subtotal	1,715,929	
Surplus Carried Forward	5,356,313	
Total	7,072,242	

PART B - ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

B.1 Membership Development Activities

The member statistics by grade in the section at the end of December, 2021 are as follows:

Grade	Grade Code	Number
Honorary Member	Н	1
Fellow	F	73
Senior Member	SM	191
Member	M	1,534
Associate Member	AM	34
Graduate Student Member	GSM	234
Student Member	StM	67
Total		2,134



The Membership Development Committee (MDC) has actively pursued the following activities to increase the number of IEEE members in the Kansai Section in corporation with Nomination Committee (NC). And Kansai Section is pleased to note that it is awarded "2021 REGION 10 BEST MEMBERSHIP RETENTION LARGE SECTION AWARD"

- 1. MDC organized two MDC, SAC and YP joint workshops on-line on June 16th, 2021 and December 10th, 2021 to advertise and share the benefits of IEEE membership. The workshops also aimed to make a smooth transition for Student Members from student membership to standard membership on their graduation, to encourage promotion from standard membership to senior membership, and to increase the number of Student Members especially among graduate students.
- 2. MDC is continuously supporting the scheme to increase the number of Senior Members in Kansai Section. Those who wish to become Senior Members can contact MDC and get quick and precise assistances. The application instructions for Senior Member grade were revised on Kansai Section website and became more informative, resulting in the number of newly promoted Senior Members in Kansai Section in 2021 remaining double digits.
- 3. Emails to promote membership renewal were sent to all IEEE members in Kansai Section in May

- and October in order to encourage and remind them of membership renewal on time.
- 4. NC organized a seminar for senior member promotion on November 25th, 2021. The number of participants was 10 people.
- 5. MD planned to organize a new event to promote industry membership, but, due to COVID-19 infection spread, it was postponed to January 2021.
- 6. The IEEE Kansai Section Medals were presented to new Senior Members. The medal is designed with a portrait of Gennai Hiraga, who was a multi-talented person and is especially well-known as a writer and inventor in Edo era when he assembled Japan's first electrostatic generator (called Elekiter), which used the power of friction to generate electricity. The IEEE Kansai Section Medals will be replaced to the IEEE Japan Council Medals with the same design, and the medals will be presented to 19 new Senior Members at 2022 Annual Section Meeting on February 22, 2022.

B.2 Chapter Activities

- Total number of Chapters in the Section is now 13 including 4 joint chapters.
- The number of Chapters has not increased this year.
- All 13 Chapters had activities in this year.
- Summary of Chapter activities is as follows.

Organizational Unit	Meeting Title	Meeting Date	Number of Attendees
SP01	The 53 rd SSS'21 Symposium	2021/10/30- 31	155
SP01	The 36 th Signal Processing Symposium	2021/11/9-12	129
SP01	Memorial Lecture on Dr. Tomohiro Nakatani's being Promoted to Fellow Member	2021/12/1	60
AP03	IEEE AP-S Kansai Joint Chapter Lecture	2021/4/16	-
AP03	IEEE AP-S Kansai Joint Chapter Lecture	2021/9/9	-
AP03	IEEE AP-S Kansai Joint Chapter Lecture	2021/11/20	25
AP03	Joint Young Members Technical Networking Meeting	2021/12/18	79
CAS04	Technical Meeting on Low power embedded processor SubRISC+ towards next generation IoT	2021/11/12	64
CAS04	Technical Meeting on Research and Development of automotive traction inverter as motor control unit	2021/12/20	51
CT08	IEEE LifeTech2021	2021/3/9-11	190
CT08	IEEE Digital Symposium	2021/10/11	350
CT08	IEEE 9 th Global Conference on Consumer Electronics (GCCE 2021)	2021/10/12- 15	430
CT08	2021 TRON Symposium	2021/12/8-10	100
CT08	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/3/9	3
CT08	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/7/11	3
CT08	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/10/14	6
IE13	IEEE IES JJC Administrative Meeting	2021/5/24	4
IE13	IEE-SPC Joint Meeting	2020/1/24-25	100
IE13	JIPE 238 th Technical Meeting	2021/6/5	151
IE13	JIPE 239 th Technical Meeting	2021/9/4	49
IE13	JIPE 240 th Technical Meeting	2021/10/16	94
IE13	IEEE IES JJC Administrative Meeting	2021/11/17	4
IE13	JIPE 241st Technical Meeting	2021/12/18	110
ED15	Round Table Workshop	2021/3/29	16
ED15	Technical Meeting on 5G/6G Telecommunication Technology and Stretch Flexible Electronics	2021/6/14	149

ED15	Technical Meeting for Students	2021/6/21	62
ED15	Round Table Workshop	2021/7/28	17
ED15	Debrief Meeting on VLSI Symposium	2021/7/30	147
ED15	21st Kansai Colloquium, Electron Devices Workshop	2021/9/30	51
ED15	The International Meeting for Future of Electron Devices Kansai (IMFEDK20 21)	2021/11/18- 19	175
C16	LSI and System Workshop 2021	2021/5/10-11	-
C16	Lecture Meeting on Medical AI	2021/6/18	21
C16	SASIMI 2022	2021/10/24-	-
C16	Lecture Meeting on Next Generation Calculating	25 2021/12/20	21
C10	Technology for AI		
MTT17	Lecture Workshop on Fluorine Resin Multi- Layer Board and Its application to 5G/Beyond5G·6G	2021/3/27	48
MTT17	Tutorial Workshop on Measurement Technique	2021/6/5	91
MTT17	Workshop on AI and Microwave	2021/9/4	60
MTT17	The 14 th Microwave English Presentation Meeting	2021/11/6	56
MTT17	Memorial Lecture on Prof. Koji Mizuno's being awarded for 2020 EuMA Pioneer Award	2021	-
MTT17	Joint Young Members Technical Networking Meeting	2021/12/8	79
MTT17	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/1/9	11
MTT17	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/12/11	10
COM19	Technical Lecture	2021/10/21-	35
		22	
COM19	Technical Lecture	2021/10/29	184
COM19	Technical Lecture	2021/11/16	17
CS23	The 8th SICE-CTRL Multi Symposium	2021/3/1-4	-
CS23	ISCIE SICE Tutorial Lecture Meeting	2021/7/21	-
CS23	The 53 rd ISCIE International Symposium on Stochastic Systems Theory and Its Applications	2021/10/30- 31	155
	The 53 rd ISCIE International Symposium on	31	
CS23	Stochastic Systems Theory and Its Applications, Tutorial Lecture	2021/10/31	-
CS22		2021/11/13-	
CS23	The 63 rd Automated Control Joint Conference	14	-
CS23	ISCIE Seminar 2021	2021/11/30	-
MAG33	MRIS 2021 Webinar	2021/6/10	27
MAG33	MRIS 2021 Webinar	2021/10/8	45
MAG33	MRIS 2021 Webinar	2021/12/10	32
PHO36	IEEE Photonics Society Kansai Chapter Special Seminar	2021/1/22	-
PHO36	IEEE Photonics Society Kansai Chapter Special Seminar	2021/10/29	-
PHO36	Photonic Device Workshop 2021	2021/11/4-5	176
PHO36	IEEE Photonics Society Kansai Chapter English Presentation Meeting	2021/11/7	30
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/5	4
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/6	4

PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/7	4
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/9	4
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/10	4
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/11	4
PHO36	Chapter Administrative Meeting	2021/12	4
SSC37	Integrated Circuit Workshop	2021/3/1	8
SSC37	IEEE SSCS Technical Seminar (Debrief Meeting on ISSCC 2021)	2021/3/17	270
SSC37	Integrated Circuit Workshop	20214/12-13	42
SSC37	LSI and Systems Workshop 2021	2021/5/10-11	811
SSC37	Debrief Meeting on VLSI Symposia 2021	2021/7/30	147
SSC37	Integrated Circuit Workshop	2021/8/17-18	52
SSC37	Acceleration Technology Workshop	2021/9/2	82
SSC37	d.lab-VDEC Designer's Forum 2021	2021/9/24	54
SSC37	Integrated Circuit Workshop	2021/10/19	73
	Memorial Lecture on Prof. Akira Matsuzawa's		
SSC37	being awarded for Donald O. Pederson Solid- State Circuits Award	2021/11/22	122

B.3 Professional and Continuing Education Activities

Kansai Section organized the following 2 technical meetings hosted by TPC.

1.

Lecturer: Prof. Hiroki NAITO

(Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Osaka Institute of Technology)

Title: Perspective on advanced astronautical business and its intellectual property issues

Date: September 2nd, 2021, Place: Online (WebEX)

Participants: 56

2.

Lecturer: Dr. Shinji TANABE (formerly Mitsubishi Electric, Osaka Institute of Technology)

Title: International Standards create new technologies

- Enjoy the cutting-edge and global field for young engineers. -

Date: October 5th, 2021 Place: On-line (WebEX)

Participants: 39

Kansai Section organized the following 1 Educational Activities meeting.

1.

Lecturer: Ms. Shio SATO

(Technical Conference Interpreter)

Title: Acquiring technical English

- how does a non-STEM interpreter translate technical English?

Date: August 21st, 2021,

Place: Osaka Institute of Technology & Online (WebEX)

Participants: 66

B.4 Students Activities

- The Kansai Section has 7 (seven) Student Branches: Osaka University, Kyoto University, Ritsumeikan University, NAIST (Nara Institute of Science and Technology), University of Hyogo, Kansai University, and Doshisha University.
- Those seven Student Branches are all active.
- Chairs of the Student Branches held SB Chair Meeting on-line on June 27th, 2021, where they reported their activities in first half of 2021 and discussed future action plans.
- Student Activities Committee (SAC) organized two MDC, SAC and YP joint workshop in July and in December 2021 to support young and women members.
- Cross-Student Branches' Research and Networking Session, which was established in 2016, was held on-line on September 16th, 2020. Presentation was made by each SB.
- SAC had founded Kansai Section Student Paper Awards to encourage student members in the Section to promote their research activities of presenting excellent papers at IEEE international conferences and in IEEE Transactions. In cooperation with the Awards Committee (AC), Kansai Section awarded nine students in 2021.
- "English Presentation Competition" co-sponsored by LMAG and SB were held twice, one by online on January 9th, 2021, and the other at Ritsumeikan University on October 23rd.
- Brainstorming tournament, which is a joint project between SB and LMAG, was abandoned in 2021 due to COVID-19 infection spread.

B.5 Affinity Group Activities

B.5-1 Young Professional Affinity Group

- The first MDC, SAC and YP Joint Workshop was held to discuss action plans on June 16th, 2021.
- The second MDC, SAC and YP Joint Workshop was held to discuss action plans on December 10th, 2021.
- YP co-hosted WIE Symposium 2021 and held it on-line on September 25th, 2021.
- YP sponsored and held an event to discuss "Doctors' Career" on-line on September 11th, 2021. The number of participants was 42.
- YP sponsored and held an online lecture meeting on "Overleaf (LaTeX) on September 25th, 2021. The number of participants was 90.

B.5-2 WIE Affinity Group

- WIE Affinity Group held WIE symposium 2021 (see Photographs) at Osaka Institute of Technology on September 25, 2021, the number of attendees of which was 54. The symposium consisted of three invited talks by female researchers and group talk session on-site and online by using "Zoom Break-out Room" function.
- WIE held 5 (five) officers' meetings in 2021 for discussing the management framework and for preparing and reviewing the 2021 WIE symposium.
- WIE co-hosted the IEEE Japan SYWL Workshop held in Sapporo and on-line on October 31st, 2021.

B.5-3 Life Members Affinity Group

- LMAG held 4 officers' meetings in 2021 to discuss and revisit action plans, especially in view of COVID-19 infection spread.
- LMAG originally planned several technical meetings and an excursion jointly hosted by LMAG and TPC, but finally couldn't help abandoning them due to COVID-19 infection spread.
- LMAG issued, in English, "Kansai-LMAG Newsletter" in December 2021. LMAG also actively posted articles to R10 Newsletter.
- LMAG participated on-line in MAW and Japan SYWL Workshop 2021 held in Sapporo in late October 2021.
- Some LMAG members also joined by online R10 LMAG Meet three times (see Photographs), and R10 LMC Meet.

B.6 Awards & Recognition Activities

- Kansai Section Student Paper Awards were presented to 9 recipients in 2021.
- Kansai Section Young Professional Award was presented to 2 recipients in 2021.
- Kansai Section medals were presented to 19 newly elevated senior members in 2021.

B.7 Communication Activities (Newsletter, Home Page, E-mail etc.)

- Kansai Section updated the Kansai Section Home Page more than once a month. It announced Section Annual Meeting, Young Professionals and Student Awards announcements, new Section and Units' officers, and new Executive Committee members and candidates, as well as summaries and announcements of the past and upcoming technical meetings. https://www.ieee-jp.org/section/kansai/
- Kansai Section also tried to piece out its English Web Page. https://www.ieee-jp.org/section/kansai/english/index.html
- Kansai Section actively used Mailing List (eNotices) for timely announcements and sharing information of upcoming events.

B.8 Industry Relations

- Kansai Section has considered and discussed holding an activation event for increasing industrial members, for example publicizing IEEE Milestone case examples in Kansai Section. Due to COVID-19 infection spread, the first event was postponed to 2022 and held late January 2022. Kansai Section plans to organize another industrial promoting event in late 2022.
- MDC is continuously supporting the scheme to increase the number of Senior Members in Kansai Section. Industry members who wish to be a senior member can contact MDC and get quick and precise assistances. The instructions on the Section's website for Senior Member promotion application were revised and became more informative, resulting in the number of newly promoted Senior Members in Kansai Section in 2021 remaining double digits.
- WIE Affinity Group held the WIE Symposium, one of the objectives of which is to support women engineers in Kansai industry area.

B.9 Humanitarian Technology Activities

N/A

B.10 Community Activities

N/A

PART C - OTHERS

C.1 Special Events

N/A

C.2 Relationship with National and International Societies and Non-Government Organizations (NGO)

• The 53rd ISCIE International Symposium on Stochastic Theory and its Applications

Organizer(s): The Institute of Systems, Control and Information Engineers

Dates: October 30th-31st, 2021 Place: Ritsumeikan University

• MRIS 2021 Webinar

Organizer(s): The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers,

Dates: June 10, October 8th, 2021

Place: On-line

C3. Collaboration with other IEEE Sections

 An LMAG member and three YP members participated in MAW 2021 and Japan SYWL Workshop 2021 held in Sapporo on October 30th-31st. These meetings provide Kansai Section members with a lot of opportunities to interact with members from various Sections, and they had fruitful and useful experience for revitalizing future collaboration activities among Sections.

C.4 Support extended to Sub-sections & Society Chapters within the Section N/A

C.5 Best Practices of your Section (which you would like to share with other Sections for the benefits of members)

N/A

C.6 Problems anticipated and suggestions for solutions, if any

N/A

PART D - GOALS AND PLANS

D.1 Continuation of project/activity in progress and their implementation plans

D-1-1 Executive Meetings

Kansai Section will have six executive committee meetings in 2022. We already had two executive committee meetings in January and February.

D-1-2 Membership Development Committee

The members in MDC will try to increase members and promote memberships especially from industry domain in the Section in collaboration with SAC, YP and NC.

D-1-3 Nominations Committee

NC will nominate Fellow upgrade candidates by introducing a new organization framework for nominating the possible candidates, as well as Senior Member candidates in collaboration with MDC.

D-1-4 Student Activities Committee

SAC will plan and try to create new student branches in the Kansai Section. SAC is also planning some technical and social events for students in Kansai Section.

D-1-5 Awards Committee

AC will continue to conduct the selection process for IEEE Kansai Section Young Professionals Awards and IEEE Kansai Section Student Paper Awards. AC also publicize those awards to Section members and try to promote the application to them in collaboration with SAC

D-1-6 Chapter Operations Committee

COC will promote cooperation between chapters and will work to establish new chapters and to extend existing chapters into joint chapters in Kansai Section.

D-1-7 Technical Program Committee

TPC plans to hold five technical meetings in 2022, one including an excursion co-hosted with LMAG.

D-1-8 Affinity Groups

• Life Members Affinity Group

In 2022, LMAG celebrates its 10th anniversary.

LMAG will hold several lecture meetings (including local excursion) in cooperation with TPC, WIE, etc. of Kansai Section.

LMAG will actively contribute to various activities in Kansai Section by utilizing on-line event in collaboration with YP, SB and WIE.

LMAG will issue "Kansai-LMAG Newsletter" to call for members' participation in LMAG activities.

LMAG will actively post articles to R10 Newsletter.

• WIE Affinity Group

In 2022, WIE AG celebrates its 9th anniversary.

WIE AG will make a brochure introducing the activities of Kansai WIE and recruit members who agree with WIE activities, and strengthen the management system.

WIE will hold symposiums to support women researchers and engineers.

WIE will promote its activities in Kansai, in collaboration with SB, YP, LMAG, JC WIE, and other organizations related to women's support of academic societies and others.

• YP Affinity Group

YP AG will plan events and meetings aiming at encouraging young researchers and engineers to communicate and exchange useful information in corporation with Kansai TPC and Kansai LMAG/WIE, thus promote networking and carrier enhancement among young researchers and engineers.

D-1-9 Chapters

Each chapter will hold individually and/or jointly with other organizations various events including technical meetings, workshops, and conferences.

D.2 Goals and Future Plans

N/A

D.3 Any innovative ideas to make IEEE more creative and value added for sustaining the membership retention and recruitment goals.

N/A

D.4 Business Plan for Sustainable Growth and Financial Stability.

N/A

Photographs



WIE Symposium 2021



R10 LMAG Meet



EA event "Learn cutting-edge-technologies in English"