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TO: IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board – 19 February 2022

FROM: Celia Desmond, MGA Awards and Recognition Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Awards and Recognition Committee Report

The MGA Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) is responsible for managing the MGA awards process – promoting, recognizing, and rewarding excellence in MGA operations and IEEE geographic unit activities (Regions, Councils, Areas, Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches, and Student Branch Chapters). The ARC Committee administers the MGA Awards and Recognition Program.

The 2022 MGA ARC members are:

- Celia Desmond, Chair (R7) - Mississauga, ON, Canada
- Jason K. Hui, Past Chair (R1) - Bedford, NH, USA
- Damith Wickramanayake, Member (R3) - Kingston, Jamaica
- Samarth Deo, Member (R8) - Vastmanland, Sweden
- Satish Babu, Member (R10) - Trivandrum, Kerala, India
- Supavadee Aramvith, Member (R10) - Bangkok, Thailand

The 2022 Region Award Chairs are:

- Jason Hui (R1) - Bedford, NH, USA
- TBD (R2)
- Nelson Lourenco (R3) - Atlanta, GA, USA
- Steve Kerchberger (R4) - Rochester, MN, USA
- Leslie Martinich (R5) - Austin, TX, USA
- Surinder Tuli (R6) - Scottsdale, AZ, USA
- Eric Holdrinet (R7) – Saint Lambert, QC, Canada
- Magdalena Salazar Palma (R8) - Madrid, Spain
- Teofilo Ramos (R9) - Santiago, NL, Mexico
- Qun Wu (R10) - Harbin, China

2022 ARC Web Conferences

The ARC has scheduled its first 2022 meeting for 9 February. The goal of the web conference is to welcome the members to the Committee and provide an orientation. The orientation includes the ARC's key responsibilities and goals for 2022 as well as the Awards nomination process. All Region Award Chairs are encouraged to participate.

2022 MGA Outstanding Section Award - Large, Medium, and Small

The first call for nominations for the [MGA Outstanding Section Awards](#) (Large, Medium, and Small) will launch in February 2022 with a deadline to submit nominations of 15 May 2022. A communication campaign will be implemented to support the call for nominations using multiple IEEE channels and social media.

2022 [Friend of IEEE MGA Awards](#) – Individual & Organizational

These awards are designed to recognize support provided to IEEE and its members by firms, divisions of firms, or individuals. Nominators can submit individuals or organizations for a Friend Award at the supporting or sustaining level.

Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year. A communication campaign to promote this award will be implemented throughout the year.

2021- MGA Awards approved by the Member & Geographic Activities Board

At the IEEE Member & Geographic Activities Board 20 November 2021 meeting, the following awards were selected: MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational, MGA Innovation, MGA Diversity & Inclusion, MGA Leadership, MGA Achievement, MGA Young Professionals Achievement, and the Supporting Friend of MGA Award.

The following individuals were selected as 2021 MGA Award recipients:

The [MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award](#) is presented to one individual annually, to recognize the accomplishment judged to be the most significant and effective in fulfilling one or more of the goals and strategic objectives of MGA as related to transnational activities. This award is made in memory of [Dr. Larry K. Wilson](#).

Ramalatha Marimuthu (R10), Madras Section

"For conceptualizing and creating IEEE YESIST12, a global project-based service learning for students and young professionals"

The [MGA Innovation Award](#) is presented to recognize an individual, or a team whose accomplishment/project is judged to be the most innovative and effective in fulfilling one or more of the goals of MGA.

Team: IEEE Kerala Section Interns Team 2021 led by Alan Mathew

Uluvathu (R10), Kerala Section

"For the innovative idea of a web app named IEEE Kerala Section More in no Time, which provides a one-stop solution for Section resources and communications"

The **MGA Diversity & Inclusion Award** is presented to recognize individuals, or teams, who have exhibited exemplary and substantive diversity and inclusion ([IEEE Diversity Statement](#)) of an extraordinary nature in implementing activities/projects that support the goals of Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) at the local, regional, national and/or international level.

Babak Enayati (R1), Boston Section

"For passionately promoting diversity and inclusion within IEEE PES University"

Rhonda R. Franklin (R4), Twin Cities Section

"For sustained and exemplary contributions to diversity and inclusion in the field of RF/microwave engineering through leadership of Project Connect"

Alejandra Estrella (R9), Argentina Section

"For successful and sustained activities of the WIE Affinity Group promoting diversity and inclusion within Argentina"

The **MGA Leadership Award** is presented to recognize those individuals who have exhibited exemplary and substantive leadership of an extraordinary nature in implementing activities that support the goals of MGA at the local, regional, national, and/or international level.

Winnie Ye (R7), Ottawa Section

"For exemplary leadership and distinguished contributions in promoting and supporting activities at local, regional, and international IEEE engineering communities"

Paulina Yenbic Chan (R10), Hong Kong Section

"For exemplary leadership and contributions to the IEEE Hong Kong Section"

Ruben Barrera-Michel (R9), Guadalajara Section

"For sustained leadership and contributions at the local and global IEEE levels"

The **MGA Achievement Award** is presented to recognize individuals, or a team, involved with MGA and its organizational units for singular achievement in the development and completion of a project(s) or activity(ies), directed to the fulfillment of one or more of the MGA goals. This award is designed to recognize those substantive projects or achievements of a relatively short nature (one to three years), but that has left an undeniable imprint on the fabric of regional operations.

Rajendra Kumar Asthana (R10), Delhi Section

"For outstanding efforts in developing innovative strategies, and improving engagement and growth of Life Member Affinity Groups in Region 10"

Sri Niwas Singh (R10), Uttar Pradesh Section

"For exemplary leadership and distinguished contributions at Section, Council, and Region levels"

Prof. Dr. Preeti Bajaj (R10), Bombay Section

"For exemplary contributions and dynamic leadership in achieving rapid transformation of IEEE Educational Activities within several geographic units"

Dr. Stefan Mozar (R10), New South Wales Section

"For leadership in establishing a consumer electronics chapter-based global community within IEEE"

Charles "Chad" Kidder III (R6), Utah Section

"For the development of the Engineering Your Career Program supporting professional and membership development of early career IEEE members"

Celia Shahnaz (R10), Bangladesh Section

"For designing impactful activities that ensured member engagement within local and global levels "

The [MGA Young Professionals Achievement Award](#) is designed to recognize those substantive projects or achievements of a relatively short nature (one to three years), but which have left an undeniable imprint on the fabric of IEEE Young Professionals operations.

Zied Bouda (R7), Ottawa Section

"For exemplary leadership and distinguished contributions in promoting IEEE Young Professional activities in Region 7 and globally"

Haroon Rashid (R10), Malaysia, Section

"For significant contributions to IEEE Young Professionals in Malaysia"

Saaveethya Sivakumar (R10), Malaysia, Section

"For exemplary efforts and leadership towards enhancing member benefits for young professionals and promoting student-to-young professionals transitions"

Pooja Sharma K (R10), Madras Section

"For outstanding contributions in Young Professionals and WIE activities at the Section and Region levels"

Muhammad Hamza Ihtisham (R10), Lahore Section

"For significant contributions in organizing IEEE Young Professional activities"

Ashvanth Babu (R10), Madras Section

"For outstanding contributions to local and regional IEEE Young Professional and Student activities"

The 2021 [Supporting Friend of IEEE MGA Award](#) recipients were:

Organizational Supporting Friend of IEEE MGA Award recipient:

College of Information Technology - University of Bahrain

(R8), Sakhir, Bahrain

"For outstanding contributions in promoting the IEEE Bahrain Section, and technically sponsoring and hosting IEEE events"

GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women

(R10), Mysuru, India

"For organizing multiple editions of the IEEE ICEECCOT conference"

Thank you to all the **2021 MGA ARC Committee Members and Region Award Chairs** for their outstanding contribution, time, and efforts in support of the MGA Awards and Recognition Program during last year.

Information on MGA Awards can be found at <https://mga.ieee.org/awards/mga-awards-and-recognition-program>