

Second ICCE–Berlin 2012: ICCE's Wonderful Sister Gets Going

The Second IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics Berlin (ICCE–Berlin) was held 3–5 September 2012 in Berlin, colocated and with kind support of the IFA, the Consumer Electronics Unlimited Fair, the leading trade show for consumer electronics (CE) and home appliances. It was coorganized by the IEEE CE Society, the Germany Chapter of the CE Society, and the Verband der Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik e. V. (the German version of the IEEE). This was the second conference planned in a series of sister conferences of the annual ICCE in Las Vegas.

The idea of this conference series was introduced by Tomohiro Hase and Stefan Mozar. The conference was organized by a team including local Berlin residents, Germans, and Spaniards [Dietmar Hepper (general chair), Hans Cycon (cochair



The core organizing team (from left): Albrecht Rothermel (program chair), Charlotte Kobert (conference coordinator), Dietmar Hepper (general chair), Kristin Neumann (VDE), Stefan Mozar (vice president of conferences, international coordinator), and Francisco Bellido (publicity chair). Not present due to illness: Hans Cycon, cochair and treasurer.

and treasurer), Albrecht Rothermel (program chair), and Francisco Bellido (publicity chair), with the help of

Christian Gross and his staff from VDE in Frankfurt, and Charlotte Kobert, IEEE CE Society administrator]. Stefan Mozar (vice president of conferences) provided his continuous advice.

The conference's call for papers was well received, with 116 submissions from 23 countries and a good mixture of submissions from academia and industry. In total, 83 papers were accepted. The total number of attendees was 120. There were six well-received keynote speeches and a tutorial. Some side events complemented the conference program, including guided tours to the IFA's scientific forum "TecWatch" and visits to the Mobile TiME Lab of the Fraunhofer Heinrich Hertz Institute, Berlin, with a presentation of the technological state of the art in three-dimensional TV and interactive media.

After welcome addresses by General Chair Dietmar Hepper, Stefan



General Chair Dietmar Hepper opening IEEE ICCE–Berlin 2012.

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A presentation in the larger conference hall.



Attendees enjoying a coffee break.



Participants at the evening welcome reception.



Participants giving their best wishes to Cochair Hans Cycon via video message.



Ulrich Reimers during his keynote speech, "The Future of Terrestrial TV Broadcast."



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Following the Welcome Reception, (a) IEEE GOLD participants and conference attendees toured (b) the Brandenburg Gate and (c) the Bundestag buildings.

Mozar (representing CE Society President Steve Dukes), Matthias Knaut (vice president HTW, Berlin), and Albrecht Rothermel (program chair), the conference started with a full schedule. A welcome reception,

followed by the IEEE Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) event organized by C. Dolar completed the first day.

The highlights of the conference were the high-profile keynotes by Ulrich



Tom Coughlin displaying a CE Society backpack.



The new general chair for the 2013 ICCE-Berlin, Petra Friedrich (center), with Stephen Dukes (2012 CE Society president, left) and Stefan Mozar (2013 CE Society president, right).

Reimers, TU Braunschweig, Germany; Kees Immink, Turing Machines, Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Jens-Rainer Ohm, RWTH Aachen, Germany; Martin Przewloka, SAP Research, Walldorf, Germany; Jan Blochwitz-Nimoth, Novaled AG, Dresden, Germany; and Martin Kienzle, IBM. Additionally, there was a tutorial on social networks held by Nahum Gershon.

Many of the participants took the opportunity to visit the IFA fair to see the newest developments in CE and multimedia since the entrance fee was included in the registration fee for the conference.

Besides the Chapter chair meeting of the CE Society held by Robin Bradbeer, another important side meeting was held between IEEE representatives, led by CE Society President Steven Dukes and Vice President of Conferences Stefan Mozar, and VDE representatives, led by Volker Schanz, executive director of Informationstechnische Gesellschaft at the VDE. For the main social event, we came together for a gala dinner in the Berlin-style scenic lakeside restaurant of the Hotel Seehof above Lietzensee Park near the conference venue. Altogether, we believe it was a very successful conference.

ICCE–Berlin 2013 will be held 9–11 September, likely starting with tutorials on 8 September (the IFA will be held 6–11 September 2013). The call for papers is being circulated now. Please submit your two-page summary via the conference Web site (www.icce-berlin.org) by 14 April 2013. Visit exciting Berlin and the IFA fair and take advantage of meeting colleagues from all over the world. We're looking forward to meeting you at ICCE–Berlin 2013.

—Dietmar Hepper,
Hans L. Cycon, Albrecht
Rothermel, and Francisco Bellido



IEEE International Symposium on Consumer Electronics 2013

By Wen-Chung Kao

The IEEE International Symposium on Consumer Electronics (ISCE) 2013 will be held in June in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Prof. Wai-Chi Fang, National Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu City, Taiwan, and Prof. Wen-Chung Kao, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan, are the chairs. The conference venue is National Chiao Tung University.

Since Hsinchu Science Park and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) are in the neighborhood, you will be able to see how competitive Taiwan is in the consumer electronics field. Hsinchu Science Park is home to more than 400 technical manufacturing companies, including some of the largest silicon fabrication facilities in

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the world. ITRI is a nonprofit R&D organization engaging in applied research and technical services. It has played a vital role in transforming Taiwan's economy from a labor-intensive industry to a high-tech industry.

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Moreover, Taiwan High Speed Rail will provide conference attendees with a chance to get to Taipei in 40 min and to the south of Taiwan in 2 h. You may have heard of the Taipei 101 skyscraper, and I can guarantee that Taiwan has much more to offer, both in terms of cultural heritage and natural scenery. Our beautiful coast in the east and our dining options will take your breath away. Are you tempted to see it for yourself? Mark the dates 3–6 June 2013 on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you in Taiwan.



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