The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Title: "IEEE and you"

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ABSTRACT: An overview of IEEE and the main resources and benefits it can offer to you. How to accelerate your career plans and grow as a technology professional.

BIOGRAPHY:

WORK EXPERIENCE
Upon completion of my studies in the US I worked for a year at the Agence France-Presse (AFP), an international news agency as an Electrical Enginner and then for three years at the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques (SITA), the world's leading service provider of integrated IT business solutions and communication services of the air transport industry.

In 1991 I moved on to the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), the major electricity provider of Cyprus, responsible for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in Cyprus. There I held various Engineering Specialist and Management positions in various departments acquiring experience and knowledge from different areas and disciplines. I currently hold the position of Acting Area Manager having under my management more than 430 employees. In the recent years I was the Manager for the Forward Planning, issuing of Terms for Electricity Supply and for the Methods and Programming Departments. I have managed successfully several projects including GIS and large Photovoltaic and Wind Farm plants. I have formed policy regarding renewable energy, grid connections and took part in many working groups and committees. My main interests include Renewable Energy, Smart Grids, Innovations and Start-ups.

IEEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
I have been an active volunteer member of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) which is the world's largest association of technical professionals with more than 430,000 members. IEEE is a non-profit organization with members in more than 160 countries around the world. I started volunteering from 1992 as a founding member of the Cyprus Section, moving through the levels of hierarchy to the position of Chair. Inspired by IEEE's vision and successful global presence, I have been active, holding various roles of responsibility in committees, chapter and Region activities and IEEE conferences. I have also been privileged to hold the position of IEEE Region 8 Secretary from 2007-2012 and the very prestigious position of the IEEE Region 8 (Europe, Africa and Middle East) Director-Elect position for 2013-2014. I will become the Director from January 2015 until the end of 2016. I will also be a member of the Board of Directors of IEEE and will participate in various committees.

As IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect I have been active participating in various committees trying to find ways to influence decisions and form policies that would help IEEE members and humanity in general. As a member of the IEEE Africa initiative committee I have tried to find ways to increase the presence of IEEE in Africa and to benefit the general population through various technology projects. My interests include efforts to develop closer ties of IEEE and European Commission and to take advantage of projects offered through the Horizon 2020 program. I have participated actively in the following IEEE committees:

- IEEE New Initiatives Committee 2013, 2014
- IEEE Smart Tech Metro Area Committee 2014
- IEEE Europe Committee 2014

- IEEE Africa Initiative Committee 2014
- IEEE Committee on Entrepreneurship

EDUCATION

I was born in Cyprus, a European Union member State. In 1983 I moved to the United States where I studied Electrical Engineering at the Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA. I received his B.Sc in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1987. In 1992 I received a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Management concentration, from the Maastricht Business School of Management, Netherlands.