

Kickoff Event Report

IEEE Nagoya Section Young Professionals Affinity Group

1. Overview

Date:

Saturday, December 12th, 2015

Time:

13:30 – 18:30 (reception open at 13:00)

Place:

15D, WINC AICHI, 4-38, Meieki 4-chome, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan
(the Satellite Campus of the Aichi Prefectural University)

Charge:

Free

Cosponsor:

Tokyo Section YP, Kansai Section YP, and Japan Council WIE Affinity Groups

Attendance:

33 (27 of them were IEEE members)

The IEEE Nagoya Section YP Affinity Group was established on December 7th, 2015. The kickoff event was held just after the foundation. The main purpose of this event was to activate YP Affinity Groups in Japan by connecting members in the groups and introducing their activities to each other. Since activities of YP affinity groups are strongly related to ones of WIE affinity groups and/or Student Branches, collaboration with the relevant groups was enhanced by communicating with their representatives.

The sub purpose of this event was to provide an opportunity for young members in the Nagoya area to learn more about the Nagoya Section and the Nagoya Section YP Affinity Group and, therefore, this event was designed to be attractive to young members. Specifically, a special lecture by Prof. Dr. Toshio Fukuda was given.



Fig. 1: Commemorative Photograph

2. Details

2.1 Opening Address

Dr. Yukou Mochida, the chair of the Japan Council Industry Promotion Committee, gave a congratulatory speech to all persons concerned in the opening ceremony. The guest showed surprise at the quick foundation of the Nagoya Section YP Affinity Group and acknowledged the contribution of six promoters of the YP Affinity Group. Then, he explained the current status of the above committee and pinned his hope on the YP Affinity Group because there are a lot of companies in the Nagoya area.



Fig. 2: Yukou Mochida (Japan Council IPC Chair)

2.2 YP Affinity Groups Introduction

At the beginning of the first session, Prof. Dr. Takeshi Furuhashi, the chair of the Nagoya Section, described the situation of the Nagoya Section and mentioned the existential value of an affinity group in the Nagoya Section. Next, Dr. Kojiro Nishimiya, the chair of the Tokyo Section YP Affinity Group, and Dr. Shintaro Izumi, the vice-chair of the Kansai Section YP Affinity Group, introduced examples of YP activities in Japan. At the end of the session, Dr. Takuo Suzuki, the chair of the Nagoya Section YP Affinity Group, told participants a background to the foundation and revealed an activity plan.



Fig. 3: Takuo Suzuki (Nagoya Section YP Chair)

2.3 YP-related Groups Introduction

In the second session, Ms. Emi Yano, the vice-chair of the Japan Council WIE Affinity Group, explained roles played by WIE Affinity Groups and referred to the importance of cooperative relations with YP Affinity Groups. After that, Mr. Kota Aoki, the chair of the Tokyo University of Science SB, and Mr. Shota Kimura, the secretary of the Nagoya University SB, introduced their activities held in the universities and said issues faced by them. The YP Affinity Groups in Japan are expected to be hubs to link universities together in order to design new and meaningful activities. Additionally, a real experience in the IEEE Region 10 Student/YP/WIE Congress 2015 was reported. Mr. Osamu Toda, a member of the Tokyo Section YP Affinity Group, emphasized the need to improve skills to push his own idea through in foreign countries.



Fig. 4: Shota Kimura (Nagoya University SB Secretary)

2.4 Special Lecture

Prof. Dr. Toshio Fukuda provided a one-hour special lecture for young professionals. The lecture was begun with the history of the IEEE, and then how innovations happened was explained with some videos. Moreover, he told how to produce an innovation and necessary activities to do so from his outstanding experience.



Fig. 5: Toshio Fukuda (Region 10 Past Director)

IEEE Nagoya Section Young Professionals Affinity Group Chair
Takuo Suzuki (Aichi Prefectural University)
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