

IEEE COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SOCIETY DISTINGUISHED LECTURER'S PROGRAM TURKEY CHAPTER VISIT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

On June 15-16, 2011, Prof. Dr. Jacek M. Zurada, University Scholar and Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, USA, came for a visit organized by IEEE CIS Turkey. The visit was supported in part by the Distinguished Lecturer Program of IEEE CIS.

SEMINAR AT YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

On June 15, 2011 Prof. Zurada went to Yıldız Technical University for a seminar organized by IEEE CIS Turkey Chapter. During the seminar, first, the head of Electronics and Communications Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Tülay Yıldırım, introduced Yıldız Technical University, her department and their research related with computational intelligence. Next, Prof. Zurada gave his seminar titled "Mixing Computational and Artificial Intelligence: Discovery of Prediction Rules in Protein Secondary Structures" with the presence of 40 participants. Nine of these participants were IEEE members. The seminar was held on June 15, 2011. After his seminar, a group of participants and his post-doctoral student, Tolga, had a boat trip on Bosphorus.



Figure 1. Prof. Zurada and Prof. Yıldırım at Yıldız Technical University.



Figure 2. Prof. Zurada's Seminar at Yıldız Technical University



Figure 3. Prof. Zurada on boat trip on the Bosphorus.

SEMINAR AT BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY

On June 16, 2011, Dr. Zurada attended a meeting organized by the IEEE CIS Turkey Chapter and IEEE Turkey Student Chapter for graduate students working on Computational Intelligence area at Boğaziçi University. This was a full day event led by Chapter Chair Prof. Dr. Levent Akın, Prof. Dr. Okyay Kaynak, and organized by graduate students Başak Yüksel and Erdal Kayacan. The schedule of this full-day meeting was as follows:

09:45-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	Fulbright Scholarship Opportunities (Ülkü İnal)
11:00-11:45	Other Scholarship Opportunities (Bogazici University IEEE Student Chapter)
11:45-12:00	Certificate Programs in Turkey (Festo Didactic, General Manager of Turkey, Hamdi Özgan)
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Engineering Education in the 21st Century and Scholarships offered by A*Star Singapore (Dr. Okyay Kaynak)
14:00-15:30	Seminar – “Publishing successful papers in CSE and CIS” Dr. Jacek M. Zurada (University Scholar and Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, USA)
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15.45-16:30	Patent Seminar (Sertaç Köksaldı, Arçelik Inc.)
16:30	Closing Remarks



Figure 4. Prof. Zurada at Boğazici University Event.

This meeting was attended by 14 persons, all of whom were IEEE members. After his talk, Prof. Zurada met with graduate students working on computational intelligence and had a very interesting discussion that evidently broadened their vision.

CONCLUSION

Prof. Zurada's visit to Istanbul, Turkey was very productive and fruitful. We would like to thank him for his visit. We also would like to thank IEEE CIS DLP for the kind support which enabled us to organize this visit.