Thousands of International Professionals to Explore Entire Array of Wireless Communications Technologies at IEEE ICC 2012

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Themed “CONNECT – COMMUNICATE – COLLABORATE,” the IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC 2012), the premier flagship event of the IEEE Communications Society, will hold its next annual conference from June 10 – 15 in Canada’s beautiful capital city of Ottawa. Proclaimed as IEEE Week, thousands of industry professionals, scientists, academics and government officials are expected to attend nearly 1,500 presentations at the newly-opened, $170 million Ottawa Convention Centre, while in their spare time exploring the city’s local marvels and participating in wide-ranging festivities.

“Ottawa offers the perfect venue for celebrating IEEE ComSoc’s 60th anniversary and exploring the newest advances in communications technology research,” says the IEEE ICC 2012 General Chair Ibrahim Gedeon, CTO, Telus. “The City’s history of innovation and accomplishment will certainly provide the ideal motivation for inspiring the development and implementation of the next wave of global interactive applications that will cross every demographic, time zone and geographic boundary.”

According to Invest Ottawa, a not-for-profit organization with the mandate to facilitate the economic development of the region, Ottawa’s knowledge-based sectors employ over 75,000 people within 1,922 companies and also boasts the highest level of research and development spending per capita in the country. In addition, Ottawa is one of North America's fastest growing economies as well as one of the world's most progressive centres of innovation.

Held with the support of Invest Ottawa, Ottawa Tourism, Invest Ottawa and IEEE Ottawa Section, IEEE ICC 2012 will commence on Sunday, June 10, IEEE ICC 2012 will open with a special workshop titled “Telecommunications: From Research to Standards.” Over the next five days, the conference will then feature a full agenda of keynotes, panel discussions and technical symposia offered by leading industry experts representing nearly every field of communications.

Key to this year’s event are also the 18 Industry Forums featuring topics related to “Social Networks: Impact on Quality of Life,” “India’s eGovernance,” “Cloud Communications Security & Networking,” “End-to-end Ethernet Management,” “Heterogeneous (HeNet) Network Deployment,” “Multi-screen IPTV,” “Future Home Gateway Services,” “True Green Data Centers” and “Enabling Your Cloud.”

From Tuesday through Thursday, IEEE ICC 2012 will also punctuate its high-level schedule with the keynotes of noted experts like Matt Bross, CTO & Vice Chairman at Huawei, and Marcus Weldon, CTO at Alcatel-Lucent. Additional renown scientists and industry professionals expected to speak at the event are Lucy Hood, Executive Director at Communication Technology Management (CTM); Mike Hill, Vice President of Enterprise Initiatives at IBM; Ian Akyildiz, Professor at Georgia Tech; Victor Bahl, Director, MCRC at Microsoft; Vincent Poor, Professor at Princeton University; Raj Jain, Professor at Washington University, St-Louis; and P. R. Kumar, Professor at Texas A&M University.

Another highlight for local attendees will be the presentations of numerous Canadian authorities such as:

- Eros Spadotto, Executive Vice President, Technology Strategy at TELUS, who will deliver the conference’s opening keynote on Tuesday morning
- Malcolm Vant, Special Officer, DRDC Ottawa; Guy Vezina, Director General, Defence R&D Canada; and Albert J. Simard, Knowledge Manager, Defence Research & Development Canada, who will speak on various government and defense issues including “NATO Cyber Defence Policy”
- Matt Christensen of TELUS, who will discuss the “Future of In-home Networking”

- Chris Bachalo, CTO of Juniper Networks Canada, who will address the latest breakthroughs in “Home Programmable Networks”
- Rodney G. Wilson, Senior Director External Research Ciena, who will talk about “Wired Broadband & Optical Fibre Network Advancements”
- Marc Blanchet, President & CEO of Viagenie, Canada; Yves Poppe, Director of Business Development IP Strategy at Tata Communications, Canada; and Serge Caron, Senior Director of

Information Service and Technology, ITD, CIOB, Treasury Board Secretariat, who will all speak at the conference’s IPv6 Industry Forum and address topics like “IPv6’s Impact on the Enterprise” and “The Impact of IPv6 on Large ISPs”

Please visit www.ieee-icc.org/2012 [1] or contact me at h.sweeney@comsoc.org [2] for additional IEEE ICC 2012 information as well as details on the numerous local tours and events designed to help conference attendees experience the city’s natural beauty and urban amenities. Among these are a wide selection of cultural orientation packages as well as natural activities like white water rafting on the Ottawa River, spelunking in the Lafleche Caves and cycling in the Gattineau Hills.

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