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MFI GERMANY

Annual General Meeting, 02 March 2002

Executive Committee's Report,

December 2000 to February 2002

Meetings

The 2000 AGM was held on 16th December at the University of Stuttgart Campus, in Stuttgart - Vaihingen.

It was followed by lectures from S. K. Banerjee on "An X-Band Balanced Optical Hybrid Mixer for μ -Wave Optical Interconnect in Active Phased Array Radar and Communication Systems."

The planned lecture on Patent Law for Engineers was cancelled shortly due to sudden illness of the speaker.

International and National lectures

Sandip Banerjee presented one MFI/IEE co-sponsored lecture in Germany.

Microwave and Optronics Conference (MIOP) 2001

May 2001 at Stuttgart

The Title of the presentation:

"A Novel Design of μ -Wave Optical Interconnect in Active Phased Array Radar, ESM Receiver and Communication Systems."

München Meeting 05-06 May 2001

Around 26 members with their families met in München on the first weekend of May for the Centenary celebrating meeting of the MFI and IEE Germany. The inaugural MFI Kelvin Lecture was presented by Dr. Lars Christensen of the European Southern Observatory (ESO), Garching, Munich, who spoke on the first 10 years of the Hubble Space Telescope. Dr. Christensen was awarded the first MFI Kelvin Prize.

A presentation by Sandip Banerjee on the Profile of the MFI followed. After a break for refreshment Alan Faulkner presented an important subject "Globalisation: how to keep your job".

The guest of honour was our founder chairman Mr. Keith Wilkinson. He recalled the highlights from the 10 years existence of the MFI/IEE.

Younger Members' Papers Competition

One of the highlights of our national joint weekend was the Younger Members' papers competition. Unfortunately due to organisation problem we were unable to present this popular event. In near future we hope to organise this popular Papers Competition to promote Younger Members.

Activities

The activities since the AGM have been pared to a minimum due to lack of local volunteers, local events in all regions have virtually ceased except regular Stammtisch in München, Hamburg and Christmas Dinner in the regional centres.

VDI and VDE connection

The MFI has taken steps to strengthen the connection with VDI and VDE, so that in future we can perform joint activities.

Special Interest Group

The Translator group did not meet during the München meeting. New members have joined and contact is made via the Internet.

Internet Communication

We have been sending our members information via e-mail and snail mail only to those who have not send us their e-mail address or they don't have an e-mail address. We found most members are in favour of receiving information by e-mail. We are having hardly any comments about the length of message and format used. The committee welcomes further suggestions and comments in this matter.

Centre Organisation

In order to comply with our small income, meetings of full committee now takes only in conjunction with major meeting or the AGM, Executive meetings are held as necessary for the planning of such events. Cost reduction and rationalisation have been implemented in every respect.

At the end of this report, I would like to thank all those who have helped to make our programmes a success. My special thanks are to our Secretary Bernadette Faulkner, our Treasurer Paul Szucs, our Vice Chairman Peter Langheinrich and lastly to our Beirat and Webmaster Martin Wagner for his excellent contribution for MFI web side.

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