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**IEEE ANNOUNCES 802 UNIVERSITY OUTREACH DAY TO ENGAGE NEXT GENERATION IN STANDARDS WITH GLOBAL IMPACT**

Group welcomes students and faculty to participate in IEEE 802 University Outreach day during Plenary Meetings beginning July 17 in San Diego

**PISCATAWAY, N.J., USA, [xx May] 2012** – IEEE, the world's largest professional association advancing technology worldwide, today announced formation of the IEEE 802<sup>®</sup> LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) University Outreach Program to engage university and college students and faculty in standards development that will improve communication for communities everywhere, with many positive results including longer battery life, faster Internet access, improved health, and better security.

IEEE 802 plenary meetings are held three times per year, in March, July, and November. Beginning with the July meeting in San Diego, the IEEE 802 plenary meetings will welcome college and university students and faculty to IEEE 802 University Outreach day at a special registration fee of only \$25.00. The University Outreach day, July 17, begins with an orientation session, continues with opportunities to observe technical working groups, and concludes with a session soliciting questions and feedback from participants. Interested students and faculty can find additional information on and register for the July IEEE 802 University Outreach day via: <https://802world.org/plenary/university-outreach/>.

“IEEE is seeking the next generation of technologists, designers, entrepreneurs, inventors, managers, regulators, lawyers, and others to get involved in developing the standards that impact our everyday lives,” said Mark Cummings, Chair of the IEEE 802 University Outreach Program. “Those involved in standards development have the opportunity to learn about and be involved in the newest technology developments, envisioning how to bring these advancements

to broad deployment by working with a broad cross-section of industry to achieve goals through consensus.“

IEEE standards are part of a suite of standards that are the foundation for the Internet. IEEE 802 standards such as IEEE 802.3™ (Ethernet) and IEEE 802.11™ (commonly known as Wi-Fi®) are the primary way users reach the Internet. These standards have been essential for the growth of a global economic and social model that has touched billions of lives. Many other leading edge activities with similar potential impacts are currently underway in IEEE 802. IEEE has over 400,000 members in more than 160 countries involved in 38 societies and seven technical councils, representing the wide range of IEEE technical interests.

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#### **About IEEE 802**

The IEEE 802® LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) develops local and metropolitan area network standards. The most widely used standards are for Ethernet LANs, Wireless LANs, Wireless PANs, Wireless MANs, and Bridging and Virtual Bridged LANs. An individual working group provides the focus for each of these areas. Decisions by the IEEE 802 task groups and working groups will shape communications for years to come. For more information about the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee, see <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/>.

#### **About the IEEE Standards Association**

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