

IEEE Student Branch, EPFL, Inaugural Event

IEEE Student Branch, EPFL, organized their inaugural event on May 30, 2011. The event was attended by a 40 people strong audience, mainly comprising of under-graduate and graduate students, and IEEE Senior, Fellow and Life members from Switzerland. Prof. Giovanni De Micheli, Director of Institute of Electrical Engineering and the Integrated Systems Center at EPFL, and Mr. Jordi Montserrat, co-managing director at venture-kick, Switzerland, were the keynote speakers for the event.

The evening started with Anurag Mangla, Branch Chair, welcoming the attendees. Dr. Hugo Wyss, Treasurer, IEEE Switzerland Section and Chair, Life Members Affinity Group, Switzerland Section, delivered the congratulatory message on behalf of the Chair and Exe-Com of the Switzerland Section. He presented an IEEE limited-edition Swatch watch to the EPFL Student Branch as a mark of appreciation on the inauguration of the branch.

Prof. De Micheli then gave his keynote talk titled “Nanotechnology: devices, circuits, architectures and applications.” In his talk he talked about various advances in Nanotechnology and how they are going to affect our lives in the near future. This keynote speech served to practically demonstrate IEEE’s motto, “Advancing Technology for Humanity.” Earlier, recounting his experiences with the IEEE as a Fellow and having served as the Chair of various IEEE committees, De Micheli motivated the audience to join the IEEE and take up volunteer positions.

Mr. Jordi Montserrat followed De Micheli with his keynote entitled, “IEEE is missing an E.” Mr. Montserrat emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship for taking the technological advances to the people. He cited examples of IEEE members (including De Micheli’s, at whose lab in Stanford, Yahoo! Inc. was conceived) and the role of IEEE in the entrepreneurship scene around the world. He went on to present the programs that Venture-kick organizes to support the high-tech entrepreneurship ecosystem in Switzerland.

Ms. Maria-Alexandra Paun, Co-Chair WIE Affinity Group, Switzerland and a member of EPFL Student Branch, briefly presented the WIE activities and promoted the members of the audience to participate actively in WIE.

Finally, Mangla thanked everyone for their presence and invited them to join for the aperitif.

Lausanne, May 31, 2011

Laura-Santos Carreras
Secretary

Anurag Mangla
Chair



Dr. Hugo Wyss presenting an IEEE limited edition Swatch to the EPFL Student Branch.



Prof. Giovanni De Micheli delivering his keynote.



Mr. Jordi Montserrat delivering his talk.



The aperitif organized by the Student Branch.