

**North America East (NAE) Regional Chapter Chairs Congress (NAE RCCC) 2012
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Montreal Communication Chapter Report for Year 2012:

IEEE Montreal's Communications Chapter is very honoured to be named IEEE ComSoc Chapter of the Year (CoY) for 2012. This highly prestigious award has made us very proud of the dedication of all our volunteers, and especially of the efforts of the Chapter's executive members. Achieving this award has been the result of multiple factors. The Chair of this Chapter has devoted his entire career to various aspects of the Communications field dating back to 1973, with both academic and industrial experience. Benefiting greatly from IEEE offerings throughout his career, since 2000 he has sought opportunities to give back to the organization, participating in IEEE Standards activities and providing a range of other volunteer services to the IEEE community. Leading the Montreal Chapter since 2009, the Chair has built a dedicated and knowledgeable Chapter team that together has launched many fruitful initiatives, and delivered sustained membership-building programming. Chapter achievements have included:

- a) Garnering the ongoing support of Montreal's Concordia University -- most notably the provision of large Seminar salons for Chapter events, made available free-of-charge. The Chapter further fostered this relationship by helping achieve recognition of the University through a "Supporting Friend of IEEE" MGA Award.
- b) Bringing many well-known Distinguished Speakers to present to Chapter members, including: Dr. David Falconer, Dr. Tad Matsumoto, Dr. Vijay Bhargava, Dr. Mehdi Alasti, Dr. Bhumip Khasnabish, Dr. Victor Leung, Dr. Michael Devetsikiotis, Dr. Fabrizio Granelli, Dr. Shahrokh Valaee, Dr. Jacob Gavan, Dr. Gorgia Ingram, Drs. Michaela Van Der Schaar, Dr. Arun K. Somni, and Dr. Steve Buch.
- c) Building close ties with related Local and Regional Chapters for joint activities such as shared talks. Other participating chapters have included: IEEE Montreal's Broadcast Chapter, Control Systems Chapter, Aerospace Chapter, Microwave Theory and Technical (MTT) Chapter, and VTC Chapter.
- d) Organizing joint DLT tours between Eastern Canada and Toronto areas.
- e) Mounting mini-Conferences and Workshops between Communications Chapter, BTS, AeroSpace, Control Systems, VTC, etc.
- f) Arranging for presentations by well-known professors from various parts of the world while attending local conferences, or serving as external thesis defense examiners.
- g) Creating larger audiences for organized talks by including in their planning Faculty members from all of Montreal's academic community: Concordia University, McGill University, École Technologies Superior (ETS) and École PolyTechnique de Montréal.
- h) Sharing Distinguished Speakers with our Sister Sections in USA (Boston & Maine) and in Canada.

In all the above-mentioned activities, we are most thankful to our North America East (NAE) leader, Dr. Yigang Cai, who has been instrumental through his advice and encouragement with all Eastern region Chapters in organizing DLT tours amongst our regions. Many thanks for his great help and support throughout this journey.