

➔ **MONTREAL, QC. Feb. 10, 2014.** EXO U has announced that it has signed a partnership agreement for the education sector with CGI. Under this agreement, both companies will be working together in order to promote software solutions. The software solutions will provide educational institutions with a solution that will help reduce the problem of the diversified and fragmented computing environment of the educational institutions.

➔ **TORONTO, ON. Dec. 9, 2013.** Researchers from IBM and from the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology have announced that they have made a nanomedicine breakthrough. More precisely, they have been able to convert common plastic materials, such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), into non-toxic and biocompatible materials designed to specifically target and attack fungal infections. Over a billion people are affected by fungal infections in the world.

➔ **TORONTO, ON. Dec. 3, 2013.** Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation and Smart Energy Instruments (SEI) have unveiled the first component of Smart Energy Instruments' planned chipset product line for smart grid applications. The chipset is a measurement and communications core for smart devices that are used in the generation and transmission of electric power. The chipset provides advanced time synchronization capability that can be used to provide real-time measurements.

➔ **TORONTO, ON. Dec. 3, 2013.** Kobo has announced that its Kids Store and its tablet have been recognized with the Parent Tested, Parent Approved (PTPA) seal of approval. The Kobo Kids Store was praised by PTPA parent testers for its safe search capabilities for age-appropriate books. It is also possible to set up kids accounts and allowances. The tablet enables access to more than 1-million apps and games.

➔ **MONTREAL, QC. Dec. 3, 2013.** Optimal Payments, an online payment provider, has announced that it has extended its existing partnership with 888 Holdings, a provider of online gaming services, to offer an integrated suite of payment



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processing services for the licensed U.S. online gaming market. The solution includes payment gateway and digital wallet services that are designed to meet the requirements of U.S. state gaming regulators.

➔ **OTTAWA, ON. Dec. 2, 2013.** The Torrance Memorial Medical Center has announced that it has selected the Halogen Software Talent Management Suite for Healthcare. This software is designed to help healthcare facilities build high performing teams with the right skills, knowledge and competencies to deliver quality patient care. It is a cloud-based talent management suite.

➔ **QUEBEC CITY, QC. Nov. 26, 2013.** EXFO has announced that it will donate testing units to local operators PLDT (Philippine Long Distance Telephone) and Globe Telecom following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. That event has severely affected many of the Philippines' infrastructures. Those testing units will help telecommunication companies detect and analyze network failures.

RICHMOND, BC. Nov. 20, 2013. MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates, a communications and information company, announced today that it has been authorized to proceed with development of a Payload Orbital Delivery system for the DARPA Phoenix mission. The Payload Orbital Delivery concept is a cost-effective solution used for delivering small packages to geostationary Earth orbit using surplus capacity on regularly launched communication satellites. The expected

contract value for full development of the flight system is US\$6 million.

➔ **QUEBEC CITY, QC. Nov. 13, 2013.** Opsens has announced that it has been named as one of Canada's fastest growing technology companies in the Deloitte Technology Fast 50™ awards for technological innovation, entrepreneurship, rapid growth and leadership, based on the percentage of revenue growth over five years. Opsens develops, manufactures, supplies and installs systems for measuring parameters of pressure and temperature in extreme environments.

➔ **OTTAWA, ON. Oct. 8, 2013.** Espial, a provider in on-demand TV software and solutions, has announced that a Smart TV chipset vendor has signed a contract to license the Espial TV Browser for deployment in Internet-connected Smart TVs. The chipset vendor will pre-package the Espial TV Browser, with support for the latest Hybrid Broadcast Broadband specifications to simplify and accelerate deployment for Smart TV manufacturers.

➔ **VANCOUVER, BC. Oct. 8, 2013.** Absolute Software Corporation has announced the launch of Absolute Safe Schools. This product is a solution that keeps students and the community safer while securing mobile devices through protection and recovery. More precisely, the solution provides rapid response resources after a theft of a protected device. ■

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"If you're in the middle of your career, you tend to think you don't have time to be involved," he says. But becoming engaged, for him, was a way to get out and meet people, to network, to discover potential new career opportunities.

In 2011, most of IEEE London's recommendations gathered for Sections Congress came from committee chairs. The London section has 380 members; MacDonald would like to see more members get involved in the recommendation process to get that "true grassroots input."

Members can provide input by responding to email and newsletter blasts or by attending sec-

tion meetings. Even a modest 10 percent response rate means the section would have 30-some recommendations to choose from, says MacDonald.

And members' efforts don't go unnoticed. "What's interesting is the attention paid at Sections Congress to recommendations from three years before," says MacDonald. "There is a lot of feedback."

Ultimately, the IEEE is meant to benefit everyone — from members and students to non-members and the community at large.

That's why input into recommendations is so important. They are a means of helping to shape

the organization — and hold it accountable — at a grassroots level.

This engages the membership in a "democratic process," says Abdullah, "providing an opportunity to render thoughts into meaningful action and negotiate on the importance of one recommendation versus another."

For Abdullah, this process provides an infusion of energy into the IEEE. "You're the IEEE, you're part of it," he says. "You make it what it should be." ■

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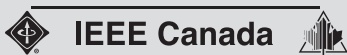
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