

Report of the IEEE Information Theory Society Membership and Chapters Committee

Current Membership

(as of Sept 22, 2008)

Grade	Number
Affiliate	19
Associate Member	143
Student Member	118
Graduate Student Member	304
Member	1991
Senior Member	482
Fellow	208
Life Member	100
Life Senior	70
Life Fellow	149
Total	3584

The total can be compared with the August 2006 total of 3413 members and the August 2007 total of 3344 members (we are +240; however see next item).

Initiatives

Membership Upgrades

Among ISIT 2008 registrants, 283 were identified as being IEEE members but not IT Society members; these were targeted for a free half-year membership in ITSoc. After processing by IEEE, 269 received the upgrade, with the remainder either inactive, in arrears, or nonexistent (i.e., person supplied erroneous IEEE member number at time of ISIT registration).

New Russia Chapter

The IEEE Russia, Russia (Siberia), and Russia (Northwest) Joint Sections Information Theory Society Chapter began activities in September, 2008 with Sergei Fedorenko as founding Chapter Chair.

Possible Formation of New York Metropolitan Chapter

Adriaan van Wijngaarden has expressed interest in forming a New York Metropolitan Chapter of the IEEE Information Theory Society. He has been provided with a list of members from the New York, North Jersey and New Jersey Coast Sections from which to he can obtain a set of signatories to the required petition.

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