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## Minutes for AGM 2005

**For Committee meeting:** **Tuesday 21 November 2005, 5– 6 PM** at  
Owen J Wordsworth Room, Level 12 S-block, Queensland  
University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane City

<i>Office</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Apology</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Section Chair	Tapan Saha	X		
Secretary	Andrew Thomas	X		
Section Treasurer	Amoakoh Gyasi-Agyei	X		
Section Past Chair	Renate Sitte	X		
Newsletter editor	James Birt		X	
Webmaster	Sheng How Goh	X		
Professional Activ	Vallipuram Muthukkumarasamy		X	
Membership Coordinator	Peter McLarty	X		
Computer Chapter Ch	Vinod Chandran	X		
Power Chapter Ch	Joe Dong	X		
Control Systems/Robotics & Autom.	Ljubo Vlacic	X		
Signal Proc & Comms Ch	Bouchra Senadji		X	
Microwave Theory & Techniques Antennas & Propag. Ch	Ashley Robinson	X		
Computational Intelligence Ch	Joaquin Sitte	X		
Student Counsellor QUT	Ed Palmer			X
Student Counsellor UQ	Peter Sutton		X	
Student Chapter GU_GC	Mark Livingstone	X		
Awards & Recognition	Paul Gearon		X	

**Additional attendees:** Mohsin Ali, Valerie Lim, Kelvin Yew, Gang Cad, Kin Onn Wong, Yong Peng Ong, Michael Lees, Toby Myers (new CS/RA chapter chair), Mark Loo, Linda Burnett, Richard Lane, Peter Moy

### 1 About the meeting:

- 1.1 Meeting opened at 6:10PM. Finished 7:04PM
- 1.2 Meeting chaired by Tapan (present @QUT). Minutes taken by Andrew.

### 2 Dinner arrangement

- 2.1 After AGM dinner to be held at 7:30pm Amici's restaurant Southbank.

### 3 Confirmation of minutes of the last AGM

3.1 Minutes from 2004 AGM confirmed

#### **4 Business arising from the AGM**

4.1 None arising

#### **5 Reports for 2005**

- 5.1 Chair's report – Finance has been sound and the committee meetings have been well attended. Chair said the Region 10 membership has been declining, however in the Queensland Section there has been a membership rise of 3.2%. Student membership has increased and there has been a number of membership drives. The section website has been completely re-designed and there is a new webmaster, Sheng How Goh. The Chair said that he attended the IEEE world congress with 300+ other section chairs. He also attended the Region 10 meeting with Renate Sitte as Vice-Chair. Graduate members can now hold committee positions and vote and the new secretary Andrew Thomas is an example of that. A Gold affinity will be formed next year. The Chair also commented that most of the activities have been academically orientated rather than industry orientated. There is a need to encourage more industry involvement.
- 5.2 Treasurer's report – For this section, please refer to attached financial report.
- 5.3 Membership development report – There was a slight gain in membership and there is an intention to try and increase senior membership. The section will be assisting in the formation of a GOLD affinity group and is also looking at taking measures to hold on to student members.
- 5.4 Computational Intelligence Chapter report – This is a relatively new chapter and it features one of the most highly cited journals (CIS). The chapter has conducted 2 meetings with the third being held next week. The 2 meetings were well received 'virtual' meetings, which were Access-Grid meetings.
- 5.5 Computer Chapter report – Only one meeting has been organised, but there are plans for one more before the end of the year. The chapter chair has completed his 2 year term and will be stepping down. Nominations are now asked for the chair position, and an e-mail will be sent around to all members.
- 5.6 Joint Chapter of Control Systems and Robotics & Automation report – This chapter has held 2 technical events, one from Professor Neil Bergmann of the University of Queensland and another from Professor Derek P Atherton of the University of Sussex. The chapter is now updating the website on the chapter activities and this will be completed in 1-2 months time. The chapter requested support for the DICTA conference and is also proposing to host a conference on Mechatronics (MV2IP) for 2006. A preliminary discussion has also been made with an industry speaker. The chapter is also looking at doing a workshop for school students for robotics. A new chapter chair will be starting early next year and his name is Toby Myers.
- 5.7 Joint Chapter of Microwave Theory & Techniques/Antennas and Propagation report – This chapter hosted 3 events this year. Early in the year an industry based seminar was conducted, with 25 people attending. A distinguished lecturer (Professor Stuchly from the University Of Victoria, Canada) gave a seminar in April. The third activity involved a seminar at the University of Queensland presented by Professor Huei Wang from the National Taiwan University. One final seminar before the end of the year is planned at Micreo Limited. The chapter chair has reached the end of his 2 year term and the chapter is now calling for nominations.
- 5.8 Joint Chapter of Signal Processing and Communications report- This chapter had one distinguished lecturer seminar presented by Prof. Zygmunt J. Haas which created a great deal of interest. This is the chapter chair's first year and she is organising another seminar before the end of the year.

- 5.9 Power Engineering Chapter report – This chapter held 2 seminars in 2005 which were well attended by academia and industry. Another 2 seminars are planned before the end of the year. The chapter is also planning a distinguished lecturer seminar in February next year.
- 5.10 Student Chapter activities from QUT, UQ and GU campuses report – There is no report for the QUT student chapter. Mark Livingstone is the new Griffith University student chapter chair for the Gold Coast campus. The University of Queensland help a membership drive in March, to which 53 people attended. There will be an effort to increase the student membership in 2006 (particularly undergraduates).
- 5.11 Questions about activities/comments – Ljubo had short question to Treasurer stating that the financial report contained no assets for the CSS/RA chapter. The Treasurer said he recognised that mistake and will fix it.

## **6 Election of Vice Chair and other available positions.**

- 6.1 This year has been a transition from 2 year terms from 1 year terms. The section has been without a Vice-Chair for 6 months. However, a Vice-Chair has now been found and the committee has voted Dr. Vaughan Clarkson in as Vice-Chair. This Vice-Chair will serve for one year in the position and then move on to Chair. He will join as Vice-Chair in the early new year.

A few other positions are becoming vacant, and it was stated that if anybody was interested to please contact the committee members. The vacant positions are: Professional Activities Co-ordinator, Educational Activities Co-ordinator, Awards and Recognition Chair and Newsletter Editor.

Renate stated that one can go to [www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org) to see what these positions require.

## **7 General Business**

- 7.1 None

## **8 Closure-Chair**

### **Attachments:** (as of next page)

Chair's report

Treasurer's report

Membership Development report

Joint Chapter of Microwave Theory & Techniques / Antennas and Propagation report

Computational Intelligence Chapter report

Power Engineering Chapter report

Joint Chapter of Signal Processing and Communications report

Joint Chapter of Control Systems and Robotics & Automation report

UQ Student Chapter report

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### Chair's Report for the AGM 2005

21 November 2005

#### A. GENERAL

In general our section performed very well during 2005. With the formation of a new Chapter we now have 6 Chapters, with a total of 675 members (as of 29 October 2005). Most of the technical activities were held by the local chapters, ranging from seminars and presentations by professional scholars and Distinguished Lecturers.

- The bylaws were changed and approved during 2004. The term of office is now extended to two years. This will allow the office bearers to plan for a longer term than just a one-year term. In June 2005 I have taken the Chair position of the section after serving approximately one and half year as a Vice Chair of the Section. Dr Renate Sitte was the Chair till may 2005. Due to this transition arrangement a vice chair position has been vacant for the last few months. As per section bylaws, the position will be filled very soon.
- In 2005, 10 executive committee meetings were held (plus the AGM). Most of the committee members made true efforts to attend the committee meetings with few exceptions. This year's committee meetings were organised through teleconference. Teleconferences took place in four locations:- University of Queensland (St. Lucia), Central Queensland University (Rockhampton), Griffith University(Gold Coast campus and Nathan Campus).
- Our finance condition has been very sound during the 2005 financial year. Detail report will be presented by the treasurer.

#### B. ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

##### B.1 Membership Development Programs

- Every effort was made in all levels to attract new members and also to provide different programs for membership development. Non-IEEE members were invited to become members on all possible events such as seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.
- Evidence of retention of members: **a gain of 3.2%**

##### Membership information

	Life fellow	Fellow	Senior Member	Member	Student Member	Other membership	Grand total
Active Member on 29/10/2004	2	1	36	472	108	35	654

Active Member on 29/10/2005	2	1	41	483	113	35	675
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### B.3 Students Activities

- A number of membership drive functions were organised in different University campuses to recruit new student members. Thesis and paper competitions were announced and we need to improve our performance in this area. We maintained our student membership number during 2005 and was able to do a little increase.

### B4. Newsletter Activities, Home Page

- Three newsletters were published in 2005 and sent to all members through email.
- Section Web site was completely redesigned in 2004 by Mr Craig Mills. He resigned in 2005 due to his work commitments and Mr Goh Sheng How has been appointed as new webmaster. He has already taken initiatives to update the website regularly.

### B.5 Chapter Activities (2005)

A number of chapter chairs are completing their second year term by the end of 2005. They have been advised to form a new committee at least with a vice chair to help the transition process.

- Signal Processing & Communications Chapter:** - The chapter organised one technical meeting during the year. The meeting was jointly organised with Computer Society Chapter and was part of the IEEE distinguished lecturer series. A second technical meeting is currently being planned and will be held before the end of the year.
- Power Engineering Chapter:** - The Power Engineering Chapter organised two seminars during the year 2005, with two more seminars in preparation to be delivered before the end of the year.
- Microwave Theory and Techniques (MTT) and Antennas and Propagation (AP) Joint Chapter:** During 2005 the Chapter of MTT/AP hosted three events. Another event is planned for 5 December, 2005 at Micreo Limited on "Broadband Microwave Photonic Links".
- Computational Intelligence Chapter:** - During 2005 the Chapter organised two events and a third event is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005.
- Computer Chapter:** - The chapter organised one technical meeting during the year. The meeting was jointly organised with the Signal Processing and Communications Chapter and was part of the IEEE distinguished lecturer series.
- Control Systems / Robotics and Automation Joint Chapter**

## C: FINAL COMMENTS

I have been involved with the IEEE for the last ten years and took the Chair position this year. This year I attended the IEEE World Section Congress at Tampa, Florida. This was a fascinating experience for me to see how the IEEE activities are performed by world class volunteers? This year I as a Vice Chair also attended the region 10 meeting at Singapore with Dr Renate Sitte as the Chair of the Section.

This year IEEE changed its policy on student's membership. There are now two categories of student memberships. Higher degree students (who already have a bachelor degree) are classified as Graduate Student Member and are allowed to hold section offices and also can vote. As a result, we have recruited Andrew Thomas (a PhD student at the University of Queensland) as the Secretary of the Section. Now we have a very strong dynamic team for the next 14 months.

One of my observations over this period is the low participation in section committee from the local industry. We plan to take a number of new initiatives to overcome this problem. IEEE has recently introduced an affinity group called Graduates of the Last Decade, or in short, GOLD. The purpose of the GOLD affinity group is to allow connections to be made between young engineers, who are in the early years of their engineering career. In this way, social and professional relationships can be formed, experiences shared and lessons learned, which will make an easy transition from a graduate engineer to a 'professional' engineer.

We used to have very good communication with the local IEAust Electrical Engineering Branch. I have joined the electrical engineering branch of the Institution of Engineers, Australia as an ordinary committee member for 2006 and will very soon resume relations with IEAUST.

In addition to encourage all chapter chairs to organise seminars, workshops and other events involving local industry, I personally will take initiatives for the following:-

- Increase the interaction with the industry and academia for the benefit of all members
- Invite industry to take part in section committee and encourage them to provide new ideas in the operation of the section
- Form a local GOLD affinity group within the Queensland section

In 2006, I hope to see more technical activities with stronger industry academia interaction and participation in IEEE Queensland Section.

**Tapan Saha**  
**21 November 2006**

**IEEE QUEENSLAND SECTION**  
**Income Statement [S1 Account]**  
**For the Period: 1 December 2004 - 31 October 2005**

<b>Assets at 1 December 2004</b>			\$55,437
Current Assets (Cashable Fixed-term Deposits @ 5.7p.a. & 4.5%p.a.)		\$40,000.00	
Cash Deposits		\$15,387.21	
			<b>\$55,387.21</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Annual Section Rebate from IEEE HQ (USD5,727.55@0.7815)		\$7,328.92	
Seed Funding Reimbursements (Conferences & Workshops)		\$5,000.00	
Chapter Activities (including Distinguished Lectures)		\$2,588.90	
Income/Credit Interest		\$22.70	
	Sales Returns and Allowances	\$0.00	
Less:		<u>\$0.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$14,940.52</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Conferences & Workshops (incl seed funding)		\$0.00	
Chapter Activities (including Distinguished Lectures)		\$1,692.41	
Transaction Fees (Bank Drafts, CHQs & CHQ Books)		\$20.10	
State Government Taxes		\$7.20	
Student Activities & Student Membership Campaigns		\$421.06	
Executive Committee Members' Travel Expenses		\$2,063.96	
IEEE QLD Section Levy to IEEE Australian Council		\$654.50	
Investment (Fixed-term Deposits @ 5.7p.a. & 4.5%p.a.)		\$40,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$154.60	
Committee Teleconferencing Meeting Expenses		\$193.08	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<u>\$45,206.91</u>
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<b>Net Operating Income</b>			<b>\$30,266.39</b>
Assett growth since December 2004 (before fixed deposits mature):			<b>-\$49.79</b>

End of year report

Due to this being my first year in office and not having at my disposal any old data I have been unable to provide year over year statistics for Membership.

I have identified that currently we have 734 Members comprising of

41 active Senior Members

109 Students Members

490 General Members

The chart provides the full breakdown

Current IEEE Grade Code	Current IEEE Grade Description	Number of Members	Section Name
A	Associate Member	24	QUEENSLAND SECTION
AF	Affiliate	58	QUEENSLAND SECTION
F	Fellow	1	QUEENSLAND SECTION
LF	Life Fellow	2	QUEENSLAND SECTION
LM	Life Member	6	QUEENSLAND SECTION
LS	Life Senior	3	QUEENSLAND SECTION
M	Member	490	QUEENSLAND SECTION
S	Student	109	QUEENSLAND SECTION
SM	Senior Member	41	QUEENSLAND SECTION
	Total Members	734	

There is 1970 Memberships recorded to the QLD section of which the following breakdown is present

85 are declared as in arrears

59 Delinquent 1 year

84 Delinquent 2 years

80 Delinquent 3 years

6 are Inactive

850 are marked for purging

41 have resigned

As presently I don't know the correct meaning of the Purge status I will ignore those

This leaves 355 Members that have left the QLD section over the last 3 years and at present haven't returned.

These people are potential members that I will be looking to do some research in the New Year as to why they left the section.



## **IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques (MTT) and Antennas and Propagation (AP) Queensland Chapter 2005 Report**

During 2005 the Queensland Chapter of MTT/AP hosted three events as listed below by date. On behalf of all members of the IEEE MTT/AP Queensland Chapter I would like to thank the presenters and hosts for each of the seminars.

*10 February 2005:* “Slope Stability Radar Technology and its application to the International Mining Industry”, presented by Dr. David Noon and Jan Francke, GroundProbe Pty Ltd. This was an interesting and well attended seminar and visit to GroundProbe with a total of 25 attendees including 10 IEEE members. Expenses for this event were limited to catering costs of \$147.58.

*15 April 2005:* “Applications of microwaves in medicine”, presented by Professor Maria Stuchly from University of Victoria (Canada). Professor Stuchly was brought to Australia by the New South Wales section as part of IEEE Distinguished Lecture Programme. Expenses for this event included \$163 for overnight accommodation for Professor Stuchly following the seminar.

*16 August 2005:* “Research Activities on Monolithic Microwave and Millimeter-wave Integrated Circuits at National Taiwan University”, presented by Professor Huei Wang from National Taiwan University. There were no expenses associated with this meeting as all costs were met by the University of Queensland.

Another event is planned for 5 December at Micro Limited on “Broadband Microwave Photonic Links”. All IEEE members are welcome to attend.

I have reached the end of my time as MTT/AP chapter chair as I have been chapter chair for two years. Nominations for chapter chair have been called with nominations requested by 25 November. An election for the chapter chair will be held at the seminar on 5 December.

Chapter Chair: Ashley Robinson, Micro Ltd

# 1 Computational Intelligence Society - Queensland Chapter Activities Report 2005

## 1.1 Chapter formation

The formation of the Queensland Chapter of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society was approved by Regional Activities Board effective from 05 November 2004.

The formation of the chapter was approved following a petition signed by 14 members of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society belonging to the Queensland Section. The petition was coordinated by Joaquin Sitte who has become the inaugural chair of the chapter until elections are held. Elections for chapter officers are to be held before the November 2007.

## 1.2 Activities

For the first year of activities of the Computational Intelligence Chapter the chair planned 3 meetings under the heading "What is Happening in Computational Intelligence in Queensland" with the purpose at acquainting Chapter members with each other's work and to present an overview of local activities to interested section members. Because the chapter activities should be relevant also to non-academic IEEE members, chapter members working in industry have figured prominently in this program,

Chapter members are spread over a wide area (from the Gold Coast to Rockhampton). To facilitate participation of members in the chapter meetings we trialled the Access Grid teleconferencing facilities, kindly made available by Griffith, CQU, QUT and UQ. Members could attend the meeting at any of these four locations. This arrangement was well received by all attendees.

The details of the meetings are as follows:

### 1.2.1 Friday 15 April 2005 17:00 – 18:30

Attendants: 14 members

Welcome to the Computational Intelligence Society Queensland Chapter

A/Prof Joaquin Sitte (QUT)

Computational Intelligence at CQU

A/Prof. Russel Stonier (University of Central Queensland)

Commercial Software Development

Dr. Andrew Back

Founder and Director of Windale Technologies

### 1.2.2 Friday 19 August 2005 17:00 to 18:00.

Attendants: 10 members, 1 guest

Current Trends on Web Intelligence

Dr. Yuefeng Li (QUT)

Computational optimization in biotechnology

Dr. Paul Darwen

Anadare Pty. Ltd.

### 1.2.3 Thursday 1 December 2005 17:00 to 18:00 (announced)

Title TBA

Dr. Michael Blumenstein (Griffith, Gold Coast)

Explorations in Neural Nets: Analogue Hardware and SOM  
A/Pro. Joaquin Sitte (QUT)

### **1.3 Finance report**

There were no expenses and no income during the reporting period.

Joaquin Sitte  
Chair, Queensland Chapter  
IEEE Computational Intelligence Society  
14/11/2005

## **Annual Chapter Report for 2005 From the Chair of the Power Engineering Society Chapter**

The Power Engineering Society Chapter has successfully organised two seminars at the University of Queensland for 2005 so far, with another two seminars in preparation to be delivered before the end of the year. The two seminars were presented by leading researchers in power engineering for power system stability, control and computational methods. These seminars were well attended by academics and industrial professionals. The topics of the two already conducted seminars are:

**1. Robust Power System Transient Stability Enhancement: - A Global Control Approach,** by Professor Y. Wang of Nanyang Technological University of Singapore. Prof Wang is a leading researcher in power system nonlinear control areas.

**2. Enhanced Evolutionary Programming For Optimal Reactive Power Flow Problem** by Professor Kit Po Wong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Prof Wong is fellow of IEEE, IEE, HK IE and IE Aust, a leading researcher in artificial intelligence and its application in power engineering.

The power engineering society chapter is looking forward to organising another two IEEE power engineering society seminars in Nov and/or Dec 2005 by another two top power engineering experts.

The power engineering society chapter is in preparation for an IEEE Distinguished Lecturer – Dr P Kundur's visit during 9-12 February 2006. Dr Kundur is a fellow of IEEE and a leading researcher in power system stability and control areas. Dr Kundur is the director of Powertech Labs, a global provider of power system stability analysis tools which have been used by many utilities worldwide in power system stability and control areas.

**Dr Zhao Yang Dong  
Chair of Power Engineering Society Chapter  
Queensland Section**

## **IEEE Signal Processing & Communications Chapter 2005 Annual Report**

The chapter organised one technical meeting during the year. Details are given below. L31 forms have been submitted to the IEEE on-line. The meeting was jointly with Computer Society Chapter and was part of the IEEE distinguished lecturer series. A second technical meeting is currently being organized and will be held before the end of the year.

### **Technical Meeting 1.**

Speaker: Prof. Zygmunt J. Haas

Topic: A new networking paradigm for ad-hoc and sensor networks – or where's a whale there's a way

Venue: QUT S303

Date: 28 Sept. 2004 2-4 pm

Income: Nil

Expenses: were borne by the Signal Processing and Telecoms Chapter

Attendance: 12 IEEE members. 15 non-members

Comments: Generally successful – evoked questions and interest from the audience. Prof. Haas is on the IEEE distinguished lecturer list.

### **Technical Meeting 2.**

Currently being organized.

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## **Report on the Activities of the IEEE CSS/R&A Chapter, Queensland, in 2005**

### **TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES:**

In 2005, the two technical presentations were held as follows:

- ⌚ *Reconfigurable Computing & Real-Time Systems*, by Professor Neil Bergmann, University of Queensland, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2005
- ⌚ *Fifty Years in Control Engineering; Changes in Technology and Manufacturing*, by Professor Derek P Atherton, University of Sussex, 14 September 2005

The technical presentations were organised in cooperation with the Institution of Engineers Australia, Queensland Division and held at their premises, the Hawken Auditorium Engineering House, 447 Upper Edward Street, Brisbane, with no charge to the Chapter. In this year, a collaboration with IEE Queensland was established and, thus, they supported Professor Atherton's lecture and promoted the event to their members too.

Reports about so far activities of the Chapter in 2005 have also been submitted via the IEEE web site (form L31). Copies of the confirmation submission reports are attached below.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION:**

As of 18 November 2005, the financial position of the Chapter is as follows:

Gross income: \$2,519.54

Gross expenditures: \$2,405

Balance: \$114.54 (credit)

### **Note:**

The Chapter was successful in obtaining \$1,000 USA from the IEEE-RAS towards the workshop in 2006. That payment is yet to arrive and thus is not part of this report.

### **FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHAPTER'S SERVICE TO THE MEMBERS:**

#### Chapter Web Site

Thanks to Mr Craig Mills, the Chapter's web site was successfully designed and developed in 2004. The site includes the Chapter's entire record from its inception at [www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/queensland/Chapters.html](http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/queensland/Chapters.html)

However, in 2005 the Chapter experienced difficulties with timely maintenance of the site, since the Chapter was not provided with login and password details. However, this issue has been resolved in November 2005 by appointing a new web master and it is expected that the site will soon be updated.

#### IEEE Technical Sponsorship Initiative

- ⌚ The Chapter proposed the 2005 DICTA Conference be granted a technical sponsorship as their program is in line with the Program Scope of the Chapter.
- ⌚ The Chapter proposed the 2006 MV2IP be granted a technical sponsorship as their program is in line with the Program Scope of the Chapter.

### Preparation of the 2006 events

- Dr Peter Corke of CSIRO preliminary accepted an invitation by the Chapter to give a talk to the IEEE community in 2006.
- The Chapter's initiative to held in 2006 a Workshop on Control & Automation towards promoting the disciplines of control & automation among high school students and their teachers has attracted a financial support of \$1,000 US from the IEEE-RAS. Negotiation with the organisers of the International Robotics Olympiad is underway towards exploring an opportunity to join the effort and organise the workshop under the umbrella of both societies.

### Chapter AGM

Chapter AGM was held on 14 September 2005 in conjunction with the Chapter's technical event. A new Chapter Chair, starting from 2006, is Mr Toby Myers.

Respectfully submitted

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## **2005 UQ Student Branch Counsellor report**

The year began with Prof. Tapan Saha as UQ Student Branch Counsellor. Upon Tapan becoming Section Chair, Dr. Peter Sutton became Student Branch Counsellor. There has been limited activity in the UQ Student Branch in 2005. A membership drive function was held on Wednesday March 23 and attracted over 60 students, although the conversion rate to memberships was unclear. (Unfortunately, branch membership numbers have not been able to be obtained but it is clear that most members are post-graduate students, not undergraduates). In 2006 it is planned to rejuvenate the branch by seeking a committee of student branch members to plan and run events. It is hoped the section will be able to financially support such events.

Peter Sutton  
UQ Student Branch Counsellor