

The First IEEE EPS Student Branch Chapter in Africa

In September 2021, the first IEEE Electronic Packaging Society Student Branch Chapter was established at Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The IEEE EPS Santa Clara Chapter (Chair: Annette Teng) from Northern California played a critical role by being a big brother and providing the financial support to start the student branch and chapter 3000 miles away. We would also like to thank Dr. Fetene Mulugeta, from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for serving as the faculty advisor of the "IEEE Addis Ababa University Student Branch Chapter." This and similar student branches will play key roles in IEEE EPS conferences to be held on the continent of Africa. The first workshop is to be held in Addis Ababa early next year (www.dtmes.org).

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, since its inception in the late 1950's, has trained most of the Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineers in Ethiopia. These engineers are playing key roles in the various sectors of development in the country. In recognition of the growing influence and need in the development of the country's educational systems, the school currently runs Electronic Communication Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Industrial Control Engineering and Power Engineering in the undergraduate and postgraduate programs and also runs industry tailored M.Sc. programs in Telecommunication Engineering and Sugar Engineering.

Currently the School has 630 undergraduates and 545 Postgraduate (485 M.Sc. & 60 PhD) students with a staff profile of 20 PhD, 38 M.Sc. and 9 B.Sc. holders. The school has strong industry linkage with Ethiopian Electric Power, Ethiopian Electric Utility, Ethiopian Electric Authority, Ethio-telecom, Sugar Corporation, Addis Ababa City Administration Science and Technology, Ministry of Innovation and Technology Transfer, and almost all Regional Universities at the national level. Additionally, the school involves in international collaboration with Oxford Royal Academy of UK; Aalto University, Finland; Michigan State University, USA; and KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.

