In 2014, IEEE’s global community charted a course forward that will see it evolve and grow in the coming decades of the 21st century. The concerted efforts of our members and volunteers in nations spanning the world continued IEEE’s long-standing tradition of bringing technology and ideas together to benefit humanity.

That has always been what has driven engineers, scientists and technologists; that through their efforts, their work can change our world. It is seen firsthand in the work underway to increase engineering capacity in Africa. It is present in the new partnerships we forged this past year with representatives from Jordan, from Egypt, and from the United Arab Emirates, which included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for future work with the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority. We find it in China and Japan, where IEEE spent much of 2014 increasing our engagement, working with industry leaders in the telecommunications and power industries, as well as leaders within the governmental and standards development communities.
As IEEE’s external partnerships grew, we expanded internally as well, as our technical communities grew in scope and in number, attracting leading researchers from across the world to take part in their efforts. In addition, we implemented new ways to ensure the excellence of the IEEE member and volunteer experience, among them:

• Launching a strategic effort to identify services IEEE can provide to important technology entrepreneurs and founders within the IEEE community.

• Extensively developing our ties to industry in order to better meet the needs of the evolving workplace in the years ahead.

• Expanding and enhancing the IEEE footprint at such leading international technology events as South by Southwest® (SXSW) and the Consumer Electronics Show® (CES), thereby increasing the reach and impact of IEEE’s ongoing efforts to advance technology to benefit humanity.

• Exceeding our anticipated goal to convert IEEE Xplore® articles to an interactive format; today, there are over 1.9 million interactive articles in our digital library.

• Further developing our presence as a leading voice within the public policy arena, providing input within the global Internet governance discussions at NetMundial and inaugurating an IEEE Internet Governance Summit in Brussels, as well as discussions with science and technology governmental leaders in the U.S., the Middle East, Brazil, Japan, Poland, Taiwan, and India.

• Convening nearly 300 IEEE Section delegates in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to participate in the first IEEE Sections Congress held outside of North America under the theme of “Inspiring Our Leaders of Tomorrow.”

• Making significant progress in the development of a suite of online collaboration tools for IEEE members, volunteers, authors, and researchers in a continued joint effort among three major IEEE boards.

• Enabling our members in India to pay their dues in their local currency, the Indian rupee.

For the more than 426,000 members of IEEE, 2014 was a year of endeavor and accomplishment. The efforts undertaken this year spanned the breadth and depth of all that is best in IEEE. Our global community found new ways in which to support emerging technologies and to inspire yet another generation of engineers, scientists, and technologists. Together, we continue to build a vision of the future for IEEE that is filled with promise.

Sincerely,

MESSAGE FROM THE IEEE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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