



Message from the President

Returning from the PEDG 2010 conference in Hefei, China, and the IPEC-ECCE conference in Sapporo, Japan – I am pleased to report that the IEEE Power Electronics Society is doing well. The Power Electronics for Distributed Generation (PEDG) conference represents a small but growing group of researchers who anticipated the shift towards distributed energy systems and have built a community around that area. Our ability as a society to

respond to new trends and technology areas in a rapid but systematic manner is important for the society's vitality. Conferences such as VPPC, Intelec and APEC position IEEE PELS as a technology leader in the rapidly growing field of power conversion and energy.

The IPEC-ECCE conference was the second conference in the ECCE-Asia series – after the conference in Wuhan, China, in 2009. The next conference will be held as the ICPE-ECCE conference in Jeju, Korea, in 2011. In addition, EPE-ECCE will be held in Birmingham in 2011. It will be the first of an annual EPE-ECCE conference that will be held in Europe. Along with the annual ECCE conference in North America, this will help to bring under the IEEE PELS umbrella, three major international conferences in power electronics and energy. I would like to encourage all members to use IEEE PELS sponsored conferences, such as APEC, Intelec and the ECCE conferences as the major venues for disseminating and sharing our technology and research advancements.

I would also like to highlight major changes that are underway in the functioning of IEEE PELS. Please take time to visit our new website (www.ieee-pels.org), which is to serve as an enabler for society activities and services. A team led by John Shen (our VP Products) has completely revamped the site, making it a dynamic content delivery engine. We anticipate announcing a series of new digital content, including paper presentations, tutorials, product releases and application notes, and a blog to support community discussions. The website will also serve as the information exchange hub for society activities. Congratulations to the website development team for positioning IEEE PELS for the 21st century. We expect to announce a series of new initiatives by ECCE 2010 in Atlanta.

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