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## CONFERENCE REVIEWS

### 200 Attend XII Wilga Symposium IEEE-SPIE

#### "Photonics and Web Engineering"

22-25 May 2003 – Wilga, Poland

At Warsaw University of Technology Resort in Wilga, two hundred International M.Sc. and Ph.D. students gathered from IEEE Region 8. Sponsored by IEEE Region8, SPIE, Polish Academy of Sciences and Warsaw University of Technology, it is held every year during the last weekend of May.

Wilga Symposium is an effective forum for the exchange of research results and information on work conditions. Students discussed similarities and differences in their curricula and employment opportunities. Much personal information was exchanged during informal social meetings at the Wilga grill.

#### Wilga is Different

Young researchers are often treated as marginal to scientific conferences and poster sessions.

are in electronic form, presented in this way and distributed on CDs and website.

#### Low Cost & High Standards

The fundamental assumption for Wilga Symposium is low costs for the young participant. Organizers offer full accommodation at a very competitive price. There is no conference fee at all. This is possible only because the event is organized wholly by volunteers.

The second assumption is to keep the program level of the Symposium high

Wilga is nearly an ideal spot. The resort is located at the outlet of the Wilga into the Vistula river in the middle of big pine forests. Accommodation conditions are modest but acceptable. The local food (and beer!) is very good.

#### Wide Scope

Photonics, optical communications and the optical Internet topics were extended to advanced electronic systems, digital signal processing, mechatronics, automation, etc.

The caliber of contributions, especially from Ph.D. students, increased. Because analytic methods used by quite different branches



of modern technology are sometimes similar, it was often possible to transfer experience between young researchers.

Wilga is quite different in this respect. All papers are presented orally in English with an obligatory discussion following the presentation. Frequently, hot discussion continues during the coffee breaks. All sessions are led

by young researchers, while senior research staff work as judges.

#### Publication: Selection & peer review

Presentations are judged by colleagues, sometimes quite deeply, not only in respect of research content but also for appearance. All

To assure the highest quality of the Symposium, papers are selected first for presentation and next for publication. Papers submitted have to be recommended by the supervisors of the young researchers, symposium participants.

After presentation and discussion, the best papers are chosen for publication in the IEEE professional press. Usually a special edition of one of the local professional journals. Sometimes a separate volume of well known Proceedings of SPIE. Prior to publication the papers are peer reviewed.

#### World-wide access

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Wilga symposium is an official event of IEEE and SPIE. Regional Student Activity Committees, Sections and Chapters of both institutes are represented in Poland. IEEE and SPIE have rich libraries, freely accessible for members, located at the central technical library of Warsaw University of Technology. IEEE and SPIE patronage guar-

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#### XIII Wilga 2004 - Invitation

We want interested persons, member and non-members of IEEE and SPIE to participate in the IEEE-SPIE Symposium Wilga 2004, scheduled for 26-30 May 2004. Get more information at <http://nms.ise.pw.edu.pl/wilga>.

Senior researchers are invited to bring along younger colleagues, to organize topical or panel sessions and to suggest invited papers.

M.Sc. and Ph.D. students are invited to present the results of their research on theoretical and practical problems, which are subjects of their theses.

The IEEE-SPIE Wilga Symposium is a magnificent place to test your ability to present your own results and to defend the thesis in the fire of research discussion in an international environment. It is just the best road to begin gathering one's own achievements on a difficult but fascinating way of technical research.

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