

## IEEE Carleton Branch

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer (IEEE) is a non profit, technical organization which has more than 400,000 members in 150 countries worldwide. IEEE is one of the largest professional technical organizations in the world. The IEEE Carleton branch has over 400 members and is the second largest IEEE Student Branch in Canada and ranks amongst the 16<sup>th</sup> in the world.

Some of the main highlights of IEEE Carleton Branch for 2007-2008 have been the success of the newly launched IEEE Carleton Computer Society which has been primarily responsible for the Battle Royale LAN party & IEEE Codejam 2008 this past year. However to steal the limelight was the IEEE Connects! Event where our main guest keynote speaker was none other than the author of PHP programming language, Rasmus Lerdorf. Some of our events that have been conducted around the year are:

- Orientation Day
- Volunteer Training Session
- From Backpack to Briefcase, *October 12, 2007* - Guest Keynote Speaker: **Rasmus Lerdorf**
- FPGA Programming competition & workshop
- Alcatel – Lucent Tour
- Students Technology Awareness Conference – STAC 2008, *February 7 2008*, with Guest Speakers: **Vijay Narasimhan**, Membership Director, IEEE Ottawa Section ; **Michael Crichton**, Patent Lawyer & Agent, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP; **Prof Jim Wight**, Chancellor Professor, Dept of Electrical Engineering, Carleton University
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- Battle Royale LAN Party – *March 8 & 9, 2008* – 24 hours computer gaming event hosted jointly by the IEEE Branches from Carleton U, Ottawa U & Algonquin College.
- IEEE CodeJam 2008 – March 22, 2008 – First year students from Carleton & Ottawa University clashed their minds in this coding competition in order to win top prize.
- IEEE Student Papers Competition
- Eastern Ontario Student Papers Competition – *March 31, 2008*:- Participating students came from Carleton U, Ottawa U, Algonquin College, Queens U & RMC.
- ELEC – 3500 FPGA Contest
- IEEE Team Building Weekend
- Executive Training Weekend
- Fourth year Information Session

For the upcoming year, we are planning an even bigger Battle Royale LAN party scheduled for November 2008. Other events in the pipeline include IEEE Connects!, Go Eng Girl and IEEE Codejam.

Also for the 2007-2008 year, IEEE Carleton won the Larry K. Wilson award for the most active student branch in Canada. This is one of our proudest accomplishments and we are always looking for more volunteers and members to help us expand into new horizons. To find out more, we invite everyone to drop in to our office at 4238ME or visit our website at <http://iee.carleton.ca/>.

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