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IEEE Philadelphia Section to Celebrate Milestone at Annual Awards Banquet & Gala

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Philadelphia Section will celebrate its milestone anniversary on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Union League of Philadelphia. Registration is now open.

Philadelphia, PA – February 26, 2013 – The [Philadelphia Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. \(IEEE\)](#) is holding an Awards Banquet & Gala on April 13, 2013 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the merging of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE). This merger of the two institutes was renamed the IEEE, an organization which today serves more than 400,000 members.

The annual Awards Banquet & Gala is a major social occasion during which members, their guests and other attendees recognize those who have been honored by the Institute and the Philadelphia Section for their contributions.

Registration is now open for anyone to attend the Saturday, April 13 event, which will be held at the prestigious Union League located at 140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. A reception starts at 5:45 PM followed by a full-course dinner at 6:45 PM. The evening will include an awards presentation, exhibits, and networking. The featured speaker is Russel E. Kaufman, M.D., president & CEO of The Wistar Institute, a nonprofit international institution for basic biomedical research.

The cost to attend the IEEE (Philadelphia Section) Awards Banquet & Gala is \$85 per person prior to March 22 (\$90 per person after March 22 and \$100 per person after April 6). Tables of 10 are available for \$850 if reserved by March 22.

To register, contact the IEEE Philadelphia Section at sec.philadelphia@ieee.org or 484-270-5136.

About IEEE

The mission of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) is to conduct scientific, educational, and professional programs for the advancement of electrical and computer engineering, their related arts and sciences, and the stature of the professions they serve. IEEE sponsors numerous Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities and provides scholarships to engineering students.

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activities. IEEE is the trusted "Voice" for engineering, computing, and technology information around the globe.

About IEEE Philadelphia Section

The Philadelphia Section (or Branch as it was then called) of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, or AIEE for short, was organized in 1903. As the electric power industry grew so did the AIEE. However, on May 13, 1912, another branch of the electrical profession, the radio engineers, formed the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), which grew so rapidly its membership soon surpassed that of the AIEE. As early as 1922, the AIEE and IRE discussed the possibility of merging, as the interests of the societies overlapped. No serious steps were taken until 1961. One year later, the membership of the organizations approved the merger, which officially took place on January 1, 1963, under the new name of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

Today the IEEE Philadelphia Section serves more than 4,000 members in the Delaware Valley including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties in New Jersey. The Philadelphia Section holds regular meetings and events; publishes a member newsletter, the Almanack, ten times per year; presents an annual awards banquet & gala; and offers a leadership scholarship through its student branch. For more information, visit <http://www.ieeephiladelphia.org> or call 484-270-5136. Visit IEEE Philadelphia Section on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/IEEE-Philadelphia-Section/128674543953396>.

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