

Report on the IET presence at the Radar Conference in Rome 26th-30th May 08



From the ancient splendour of Rome emerged the 2008 IEEE Radar Conference in the evergreen setting of the Sheraton Golf Complex and of which the IET was co-sponsor. Instead of an anticipated 400 participants, over 650 actually arrived from all corners of the world rendering this event a resounding success, including eminent experts and plenary speakers: Dr. Merrill Skolnik, Prof Hugh Griffiths, the General Chairman Prof Ing Alfonso Farina, the guest speaker Dr Giancarlo Grasso and the Co-Chairmen Prof Fulvio Gini and Prof Pierfrancesco Lombardo.

An extremely rich program included many aspects of Radar systems for civilian, defence and homeland security applications: ground based to airborne radar systems and spaceborne SAR, multistatic radar to adaptive waveform design and spacetime processing, radar systems technology to state of the art signal and data processing, and from ground penetrating radar to SAR tomography.



Prof Picardi, Prof Griffiths, Prof Ing Farina, Dr Skolnik with Dr Fiorini & Ing Harwood

Substantial interest was shown in the newly established branch of the IET in Italy not just by practising and student Italian engineers and scientists but also by participants from 46 countries including China, India, Japan, Korea and Russia.

Commenting on the new Italian IET Local Network, the student engineers view the IET as a professional global entry route whilst the qualified engineers and scientists more as a means to consolidate and expand their knowledge network reach.

Apart from the mass distribution of IET publications and visits from key attendees, substantial interest was shown in the IET books.

The IET was represented by Ing Peter Harwood, Ing Antonio De Nardo and by student engineers: Felix Mahimai John (Politecnico di Milano), Erio Gandini and Javier Molejon (University of Modena). The President of the IET Italy, Ing Michele Fiorini, has been appointed IET Liaison in the Conference Organizing Committee and was present full time during the conference week.