



APB Office Report - Distinguished Lecture Tours in 2002 by Fanny Su

We received approvals to coordinate 4 Distinguished Lecture Tours for the Asia Pacific region for year 2002. The Distinguished Lecturers toured locations that were geographically grouped for maximum coverage of Chapters, while schedules were fixed based on the Distinguished Lecturer's availability and Chapter's preferences for the DLT dates. We were pleased that the geographical coverage by the 4 DLTs allowed almost everyone of our Chapters in the Asia Pacific the opportunity to host at least one DLT.

DLT #1: Ezio Biglieri (18-27 April 2002) to Bandung (Indonesia), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Singapore and Bangkok (Thailand).

DLT #2: Rodger Ziemer (25 May - 6 June 2002) to India covering Bombay, Bangalore and Hyderabad

DLT #3: Lajos Hanzo (1-20 Sept 2002) to Australia (7 locations) and New Zealand (2 locations). He gave lectures in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville in Australia and Auckland and Christchurch in New Zealand.

DLT #4: Hikmet Sari (22 Nov - 2 Dec 2002) to Taipei (Taiwan), Hong Kong, Seoul (Korea), Tokyo (Japan) and Singapore.

We wish to acknowledge and thank our Distinguished Lecturers for their time and effort in touring the region for us, and our Chapters for organizing and extending their hospitality to the Distinguished Lecturers. The DLTs are increasingly popular with our Chapters as a means to promote technical activities and membership. Our Chapters utilized the allotted quota of DLTs for the Asia Pacific region for year 2002, and budget constraints prevented us from accepting requests for more DLTs to this region. Nevertheless, a new year is approaching and we hope to field interests from our Chapters to host the DLTs in year 2003 at the upcoming AP Regional Chapter Chair Congress at GLOBECOM 2002(17-21 Nov) in Taipei, Taiwan. We strongly encourage those Chapters that have not hosted a DLT to consider hosting one for year 2003.

The policies and procedures for Distinguished Lecture Tours are found at this ComSoc web site:

<http://www.comsoc.org/socstr/memprog/dislec/index.html> Generally, ComSoc funds the Distinguished Lecturer's airfares to and between the Chapters. Hosting Chapters are required to take care of all local expenses which would be mainly hotel accommodation, meals, local transportation and to extend their hospitality. Chapters wishing to host the DLTs should familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures or send their queries to us at ieeeeapo@pacific.net.sg