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## Implantable Wireless Medical Devices and Systems

Speaker: J.C. Chiao, University of Texas at Arlington

LOCATION: University of Arizona, Room ECE 530 DATE: Tuesday April 2, 6:00 pm

Refreshments Provided (pizza and soft drinks)

Radio frequency identification (RFID) has been utilized to increase efficiency and care guality in hospitals for patient information management, drug and equipment inventory, scheduling, and staffing. To further improve healthcare while aiming to reduce costs, major technical challenges still exist. Limited sampling and acquisition of physiological parameters during the interaction between caregivers and patients provide incomplete information about the patients. Better care with higher diagnosis accuracy can be provided if more and timelapsed data can be obtained without causing patients discomfort or limiting their mobility. Meanwhile, patient data documentation has become too cumbersome. The lack of portability and accessibility of the physiological information prevent real-time management by caregivers and patients themselves.

This lecture focuses on the development of wireless micro devices and systems for clinical and biological applications. The systems are based on technology such as wireless energy transfer for batteryless implants, miniature electrochemical sensors, nanoparticle modified surfaces, microelectromechanical systems and microwave communication. In this talk, several implantable wireless diagnosis and therapeutic treatment systems will be discussed. An integrated wireless body network for chronic pain management has been demonstrated with wireless closed-loop integration of neurorecorders to recognize pain signals and neurostimulators to inhibit pain. Batteryless disease (GERD), an endoscopically-implantable

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wireless for gastro-stimulator gastroparesis management, and a wireless bladder volume monitoring implant for urinary incontinence management. These applications enable new medicines to improve human welfare and assist better living.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

J.C. Chiao received his Ph.D. degree at California Institute of Technology in 1995, and served as a Research Scientist at Bell Communication Research, Assistant Professor at University of Hawaii, and Product Line Manager and Senior Technology Advisor at Chorum Technologies from 1996 to 2002.

He joined UTA as an Associate Professor in 2002. He is now a Jenkins Garrett Professor of Electrical Engineering and Joint Biomedical Engineering Program at University of Texas - Arlington; and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Internal Medicine Department at UT-Southwestern, Medical Center.

Dr. Chiao is a senior member of IEEE. He has published numerous peer-reviewed papers, edited several proceedings and books, and chaired several international conferences. He obtained five awarded and six pending patents. He received the 2011 O'Donnell Award in Engineering presented by The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas (TAMEST). He also received the 2011 Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex Technology Business Council Tech Titan Technology Innovator Award, and 2011 Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Excellence in Engineering Teaching Award. His webpage is at http://www.uta.edu/faculty/jcchiao/

# Message to the Tucson Section

By Joseph Wu

I'd like to invite everyone in the Tucson Section to participate in IEEE. In the last year, we've conducted activities for schools, the University of Arizona, and for you, the membership. These activities are a great way to get involved in IEEE and show the impact of engineers in our community.

We have a great core of volunteers but we could always use your help. I'm asking people to get involved. With more people the Tucson Section could do so much more for the membership and this community. If you're interested in helping out or becoming an officer, contact us through the following website:

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# Save the date....

# The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

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2013 Wireless Telecommunications Symposium (WTS 2013) 17 Apr - 19 Apr 2013, Chandler, AZ www.csupomona.edu/wtsi

2013 20th IEEE International Conference and Workshops on Engineering of Computer Based Systems (ECBS) 22 Apr - 24 Apr 2013, Scottsdale, AZ cps-vo.org/ecbs2013

2013 Seventh IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Networks-on-Chip (NoCS) 21 Apr - 24 Apr 2013, Tempe, AZ www.nocsymposium.org

### **U of A Student Branches**

In the Tucson Section, there are active student branches. The Student Branch Chapter of the MTT frequently brings in speakers from the distinguished lecturer series.

The U of A main student branch is also active. They have been running an open lab space in the ECE department, helping out various senior projects, and even putting together an Arduino workshop in their spare time.

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Even if you only have a little bit of time, there's sure to be an IEEE opportunity that will interest you. Even if you have no free time at all, but have ideas for meetings or activities that promote engineering and the IEEE, let us know! We'd like to hear from you. Please contact Joseph Wu at joewu@ieee.org.

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