



Energy Harvesting Committee (EHC) Minutes 9th August 2023

Attendees	Apologies/Non attendees	
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(Co-chairs in bold font) (New/First-time members indicated in GREEN)

Next meeting:- Mon 11th Sep 9 am Central Brian to chair, Mike to type.

Agenda

1. Welcome any new members/guests.
2. EnerHarv 2024. **Request for Proposals – TAKE 2**
3. APEC 2024 – **IS speaker recruiting**
4. PTR and technology opportunities... **HIR (heterogeneous integration roadmap)**
5. Industry Event Watch & List of EH companies
6. Media activities – **Tyndall & Wurth webinars?**
7. Norm/Gabriel Collaboration Update
8. 'Treasure Chest' at end of the minutes.

1. Welcome new members

2. EnerHarv 2024 planning Ref www.enerharv.com and [Energy Harvesting Forum | Power Sources Manufacturers Association \(psma.com\)](http://Energy Harvesting Forum | Power Sources Manufacturers Association (psma.com))

- **SEPARATE** Workshop committee created & meetings underway
- Will be EUROPE based, probably May-June.
 - **German consortium:-** seems no good support for venues/logistics so likely skipping Germany. **Double-checking given Palermo pull out...Lorandt also pinged, but no prospects so far (pinging Fraunhofer).**
 - **Italian:-**
 - ST, ADI & NXP likely industry partners. Univ. Genoa will also participate (co-ordinator of UBIGIoT) and possibly POLITO (Torino) & Univ. Perugia. Try to avoid clash with IEEE ISCAS which is 19-22 May in Singapore, going with majority preference in doodle poll. <https://ieeecas.org/event/symposium/2024-ieee-international-symposium-circuits-and-systems>
 - **Palermo submitted a bid but then suddenly pulled out, chasing other ITA prospects...currently in likely order of viability (Torino-Polytechnic: Danilo De Marchi, U of Perugia: Francesco Cottone, U of Genoa: Orazio Aiello).**
 - **Mike notes all these universities part of European consortia and are already enabled to collaborate and sponsor.**
 - UK – considering a last minute bid. In any case EHN (Energy harvesting network) will support us.
 - **OTHERS – U of Valencia: Victor Martinez...just back from holidays, expect response by next week.**
- Will be submitting a proposal to PSMA board. Then will be an RFP process. Target down selection of RFP process and recommendation for BoD special project form by end-May and open call till 16th June –

14th July ... final few days...extended for new bidders and targeting last-Aug/first-Sept to collect bids.
Final awardee of RFP contingent on BoD approval of special project mid Aug.

- Typ. 2.5-3 day event. Will need 4 day venue access.
- Allow for more breaks – Lorandt feedback.
- Maeve notes we should be cognizant of academic calendars when picking a target date for the event. John also notes APEC '24 is a little earlier (Feb 25-29, 2024, Long Beach, CA, USA) than normal.

3. APEC 2024 - PSMA Energy Harvesting Industry Session

APEC '24 will be early next year (<https://apec-conf.org/>, Feb 25-29, 2024, Long Beach, CA).

- PSMA designated min of 10 slots (2 x Tues, 4 x Wed, 4 x Thurs) and can make advance proposal of who should present when, subject to APEC IS approval. Strategy currently being evaluated by PSMA leadership, awaiting guidance from org level. PSMA leadership dedicated session being held 13th July.
- Emerging tech session welcome but will be treated the same as other proposals –EHC is willing to participate (in addition to having our own dedicated session) but will not lead such an activity. Ada Cheng leading effort as Co-chair for an Emerging Tech session. **NOTE:** from EHC perspective, any supporting activities for this IS will be INDEPENDENT of a proposal for an EH-focused IS.
- Session proposal submitted by Mike & Brian. (<https://apec-conf.org/industry-session-resources-2024/>) (shown at the Aug meeting and attached). Lorandt notes session abstract not doing a good job of articulating live demos so will need to emphasize in marketing. Expect to get a decent slot and should work on this basis. **EWC CALL TO ACTION TO START SOLICITING SPEAKERS(6)/DEMOS!**

4. PTR and technology opportunities

- IEEE HIR 2023. HIR = heterogeneous integration roadmap, packaging and system integration focus
 - Review content from previous edition and identify opportunities for updates/expansion in this update (e.g. chips act). Effort led by Francesco Carobolante.
 - Final draft candidate 8/8/23. **BZ/MH WILL SHARE LINK WITH TEAM WHEN PUBLISHED.**

5. Industry Event Watch & List of EH companies

- **Event tracker**
 - Revisit/update the list of good industry events for tracking. EnABLES turned into EU proposals for new research infrastructure (feasibility study) projects RISEnergy (retrofit EH powered WSN), Infrachip (Si on chip) ...proposals accepted 07/12 – will start in 2024. More details to follow late 2023.
 - **Next update target Sept '23.**
- **Company ecosystem (review quarterly, next due Sept-ish '23)**
 - **BZ CONTINUES TO UPDATE AS INFO TRICKLES IN. BZ WILL ADD SOME COMP CONTRIBUTORS TO HIR CONTENT.**

6. MEDIA ACTIVITIES

(a) Webinars/ PTR? **PERPETUAL OPEN CALL TO EHC FOR WEBINAR SUGGESTIONS.**

- Toshi Yamamoto, Nichicon – LTO Battery Tech. Possibly leverage material related to Sensors Converge? July onwards. Expecting to have an overview to share with team by next meeting (Sept?).
- Lorandt Foelkel, Würth – EH Tech Update. Working on it. Should have a new Digikey webinar ready by April. **Aug/Sep Nov slot target? LORANDT SHARING PREVIOUS DIGIKEY WEBINAR FOR REFERENCE (attached to minutes).**
- Prateek Asthana, Tyndall. Team to decide if best suited for PTR or “regular” webinar. **MH SHARING PREVIEW PPT (attached to minutes). MH/BZ WILL REACH OUT TO PTR COMM TO REQUEST CALENDAR SLOT (OCT+)**
- Leverage Ranajit Sai presentation from magnetics workshop? – Mike will chat with him offline. Allow until Nov due to Ranajit workload.
- Ed considering and will revert.
- Any other topics?

(b) Conferences/workshops

- Lorandt will be at IEEE EMC conference, let him know if interested..... <https://emc2023.org/>. Good event, ~50 attendees, talked to lots of folks, not sure of any new PSMA interest.
- PSMA PwrSoC (<https://www.pdma.com/index.php/conferences/PwrSoC>), September 27 thru 29, 2023, Hannover, Germany **EHC CALL TO ACTION: ANYONE GOING/INVOLVED PLS KEEP EYE OUT FOR SPEAKERS/TOPICS TO LEVERAGE**
- CAFE (<https://2023.ieee-cafe.org/>), September 25 thru 27, 2023, Torino, Italy (Roberto will have presence)
 - Output of IEEE Transactions on Agrifood electronics (TAFE), (EIC: Danilo De Marchi)

(c) Publications

- Also looking at cross-promotions for IPC – industrial automation, Industry 4.0, smart mobility, etc.
- Any material you want to re-cycle.... once not too much of a sales pitch?
- New suggestions
Hoping to mine upcoming events (APEC, EnABLES, APEX, EnerHarv, etc.)

(d) Virtual conferences, articles, etc.

- Suggestions please

TREASURE CHEST

Approach these items one at a time in future meetings as people raise them.

8A. Sponsorship of a program where students build demonstrators.

- Lorandt has a budget to supply kits
- Help with education links – Qualcomm ‘High Tech High’. Francesco will follow up.
- Green story. International dimension. Technology and applications dimensions.
- Wurth running design challenge.
- Keep simple, easy to use
- Competition or roadshow?
- PSMA has money to support.
- Action:- write ½ page strawman for student engagement mechanism **NEED A CHAMPION TO LEAD EFFORT FOR COMM**

“Here are Katherine’s thoughts on the competition:

There are two main styles of the competition that could be developed:

1. Engineering-Style Competition

- planning committee chooses specific EH devices that can be used and the target load
- planning committee also specifies energy input conditions (lighting setup, vibrational input, etc) for testing
- specifications are announced and teams would develop the power converter solution based on the specification
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they test their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on technical criteria measured during the test (size, weight, efficiency, etc.)
- implementation is the most important aspect for this style of competition
- over different years, the specification and scenarios would focus on different technologies with the same basic format
- more similar to the International Future Energy Challenge run by PELS

2. Design-Style Competition

- planning committee could choose a theme based on a technology or application (e.g. smart homes, wearables, building monitoring, etc.)
- planning committee may want to specify some constraints or scenarios for the competition
- teams come up with complete EH design ideas (transducers, circuitry, load) and develop a prototype
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they present and demonstrate their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on mostly qualitative and some quantitative judging criteria (so balanced judge selection will be important)
- this style of competition is more focused on the idea and design, but implementation is also important

There should probably be some discussion on which style the committee would like to see. The engineering-style requires a lot of prep work before even announcing the competition, while the design-style is more work for the judging and evaluation. I could see either being good for students. I hope someone can take these basic ideas and further develop them into a competition.”

8B. Updated Goals

- Open to suggestions.

- We should try to forge links with other groups/sessions, e.g. capacitor, magnetics, packaging. – addressing this via “Tiger Team” effort within PSMA (multiple focused initiatives with small teams from various committees).

8C. Forward-looking Thoughts

- Software? Packaging/industrial design? Modelling? Hackathon?
- Incorporate some kind of student competition as part of EnerHarv (Best Student Demo/Poster) or otherwise.

**Mike Hayes & Brian Zahnstecher,
9th August 2023.**