## 2020 IEEE PROGRESS WORKSHOP

**Monday 26th of October**

**15:00 – 23:30 UAE Time**

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| 15:00 – 15:10 | Welcome Remarks                                                      | Ahmed H. Tewfik  
Cockrell Family Chair in Engineering  
University of Texas at Austin, USA  
IEEE Signal Processing Society President |
| 15:10 – 15:15 | Introduction to PROGRESS (Live)                                      | Athina Petropulu  
PROGRESS Director  
Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University, USA  
President-Elect IEEE Signal Processing Society |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Plenary talk: The Importance of Multi-Dimensional Diversity in Academia | Mary (Missy) Cummings  
Professor, Duke University, USA |

Professor Cummings, a Duke University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering professor, will discuss her background as one of the US Navy’s first female fighter pilots and how this experience relates to her academic career in engineering. She will also discuss how her interdisciplinary and translational approaches to research have both propelled her forward and held her back, and why diversity in background and thought is critical for future advancements in both education and research.

| 16:00-17:15 | Panel 1: On Faculty Hiring (Live, taking questions)                  | K.V.S. Hari (Moderator)  
Professor, Indian Institute of Science  
Bangalore, INDIA  
IEEE Signal Processing Society VP Membership |
|             |                                                                      | Lina Karam  
Dean, School of Engineering, Lebanese American University, LEBANON |
|             |                                                                      | Hussain Al-Ahmad  
Dean of Engineering, University of Dubai, UAE |
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| 17:15 – 18:15| **Panel 2: Diversity Faculty Sharing Experiences**  
(Live, taking questions) | Zhi-Quan Tom Luo  
Vice President (Academic), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, CHINA  
Markus Rupp  
University Professor  
Techn. Universitaet Wien, AUSTRIA  
Deepa Kundur (Moderator)  
Professor and ECE Chair  
University of Toronto, CANADA  
Anubha Gupta  
Professor, IIIT Delhi, INDIA  
Qian, He  
Professor, University of Electronics Science and Technology, CHINA  
Islem Rekik  
Assistant Professor, Istanbul Technical University  
TURKEY  
Odette Scharenborg  
Associate Professor Delft University of Technology  
THE NETHERLANDS |
| 18:15 – 19:30| **Q&A - Why Academia? Participant Input**  
(Live, taking questions) | Petar Djuric (Moderator)  
Department Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Stony Brook University, USA  
Pascale Fung (Moderator)  
Professor, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST), HONG KONG  
IEEE Signal Processing Society Board of Governors  
Monica Bugallo  
Professor and Director of WISE Program, Stony Brook University, USA |

Goodnight Hong-Kong!  
Good morning Los Angeles!
The program will next repeat with different participants.

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| 20:00 – 21:00 | Panel 3: Diversity Faculty Sharing Experiences (Live, taking questions)) | Carol Y. Espy-Wilson (Moderator)  
Professor, University of Maryland, USA  
Piya Pal  
Associate Professor, University of California San Diego, USA  
Roxana Saint-Nom  
Professor, UADE Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA  
Xiangnan Zhong,  
Assistant Professor  
Florida Atlantic University  
Donald S. Williamson  
Assistant Professor, Indiana University USA |
| 21:00 – 22:00 | Q&A - Why Academia? Participant Input (Live, taking questions)) | Stella Batalama (Moderator)  
Dean, College of Engineering & Computer Science  
Florida Atlantic University, USA  
Rabab K. Ward (Moderator)  
IEEE Director (Division 1X)  
Past President, IEEE Signal Processing Society  
Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia, CANADA  
Racquel Assis  
Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA  
Behnaz Ghoraani  
Associate Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA  
Xiangnan Zhong  
Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University, USA  
Sareh Taebi  
Instructor, Florida Atlantic University, USA |
| 22:00 - 23:30 | Panel 4: On Faculty Hiring (Live, taking questions)) | Ana Isabel Pérez-Neira (Moderator) |
Tuesday 27th of October
16:00 – 22:40 UAE Time

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|              |                                      | **Laura Acion**  
Associate Researcher Scientist, Instituto de Cálculo, Universidad de Buenos Aires - CONICET, ARGENTINA |
|              |                                      | **Waheed Bajwa**  
Assistant Professor, Rutgers University, USA |
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<td>Panel 5: How to obtain research funding</td>
<td>Raj Rao&lt;br&gt;Associate Professor, University of Michigan, USA&lt;br&gt;Raed Shubair (Moderator)&lt;br&gt;Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE&lt;br&gt;IEEE Signal Processing Society Regional Director&lt;br&gt;Woon-Seng GAN&lt;br&gt;Professor, Nanyang Technological University, SINGAPORE&lt;br&gt;Christian Jutten&lt;br Emeritus Professor Univ. Grenoble-Alpes, FRANCE&lt;br&gt;Deepa Kundur&lt;br&gt;Professor and ECE Chair&lt;br&gt;University of Toronto, CANADA&lt;br&gt;Zhi-Quan Tom Luo&lt;br&gt;Vice President (Academic), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, CHINA</td>
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<td>Tools to support career success, networking, negotiations</td>
<td>C. K. Gunsalus&lt;br&gt;C.K. Gunsalus &amp; Associates</td>
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<td>For many people, problems at work are rooted in what they don’t know they don’t know: about professional interactions, ways to have disputes professionally, how to deal with problems effectively and constructively. This session will focus on concepts and tools to support career success, including networking and general information from the negotiation literature. Live question and answer sessions will be used for interaction with participants and discussion about how to apply the general</td>
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C.K. Gunsalus & Associates                                                   |
| 21:00 – 22:30 | Panel 6: How to obtain research funding                      | Zhi Tian (Moderator)  
Professor, George Mason University, USA  
IEEE Signal Processing Society Board of Governors  
Konstantina Nikita  
Professor, National Technical University of Athens, GEEECE  
Ana Isabel Pérez-Neira  
Professor, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, SPAIN  
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Markus Rupp  
University Professor,  
Techn. Universitaet Wien, AUSTRIA |
| 22:30 – 22:40 | Closing remarks                                             | Athina Petropulu                                                               |