AESS 2010 History Committee Report

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Preserving & promoting the history of AESS

- Milestones
- Global History Network (GHN)
- Oral histories
- Archives
- Presentations

Milestones in Electrical Engineering and Computing

 locally honoring significant technical achievements and events in fields associated with IEEE

ieeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Special:Milestones

Key Elements of the IEEE Milestone Program

- recognizing an achievement, rather than a person or a place
- at least 25 years ago
- secure and publicly accessible plaque

2-stage process

 Preliminary Proposal to prevent wasted effort in researching a milestone which does not qualify (not specific enough, not electrical, location no longer extant, etc.)

If proposal approved, then full nomination is invited

Milestones - OU-driven

- 110 dedicated (1 next month) of 110+
- Opana RADAR Site Dedicated in 2000
- MA-6 Dedicated 25 February 2011

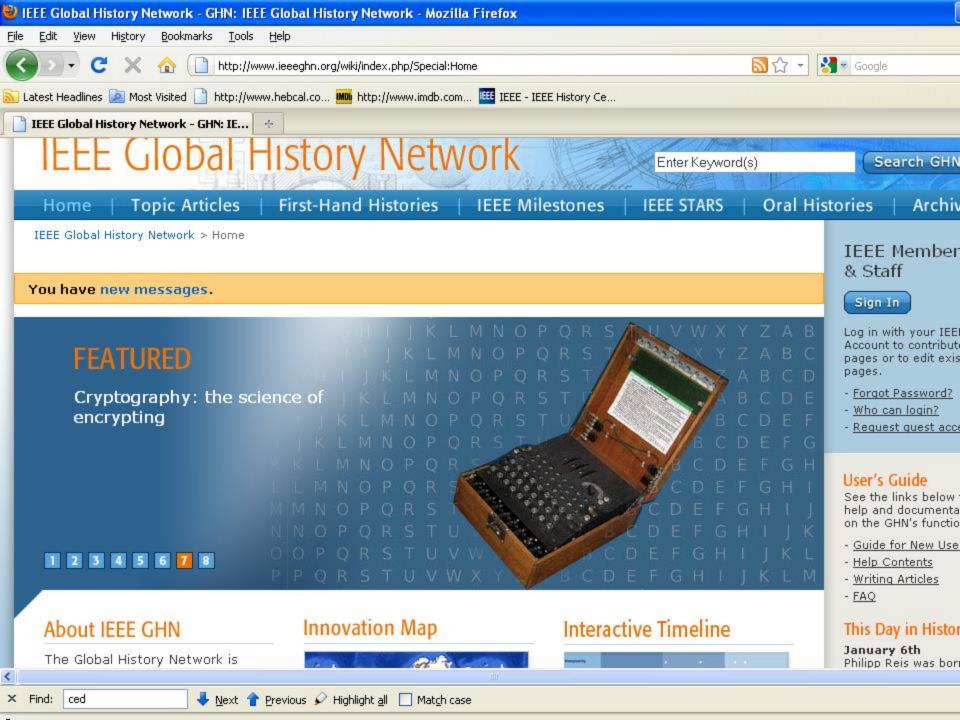
Mercury dedication (February)



Global History Network (GHN) ieeeghn.org

 wiki for histories of electrical engineering and computer science

 an opportunity to contribute your history oral histories first-hand histories topical articles



Contributing to the GHN

- Individual Members can write and edit GHN (public can view)
 - Wiki articles
 - First-hand histories
 - STARS articles
- Geographical units can participate through
 - Writing their institutional history and posting their archives
 - Facilitating oral histories
 - Proposing Milestones



IEEE Oral Histories

 Since the late 1960s, over 450 interviews posted at the GHN embedded audio and video clips

Sections/Regions/Societies can identify individuals and supply resources

 Training volunteers with technological knowledge and familiarity with local subjects to do interviews

Archives

What should be saved?

http://www.ieeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Image:Section_history_guidelines_0510.doc

Where should it be saved?

http://ieeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Region_5_ %28Southwestern_U.S.%29_History

Talks to sections & societies

IEEE-specific talks
 section and society histories

historical topics

importance of failure in technology decline of the fax machine and the rise of email

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