

Thursday, 4 May 2023–Welcome Celebration Reception Pre-event at [Georgia Aquarium](#)

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Welcome Celebration Reception. Welcome by [Saifur Rahman](#), *IEEE President*, [Sophia “Sophie” Muirhead](#), *IEEE Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer*, [Nim Cheung](#), *IEEE Awards Board Chair*, and the [John McDonald](#), *IEEE Foundation*, followed by food and drinks, as well as entrance to the Aquarium. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided to/from the event (to the Hilton Downtown Atlanta). A panel session on climate change will take place from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, moderated by Saifur Rahman.

Friday, 5 May 2023 - IEEE VIC Summit and Honors Ceremony at Hilton Atlanta

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Check-in for the event (*2nd floor of Hilton*)

9:00 AM – 9:05 PM [Saifur Rahman](#), IEEE President - Welcome Remarks (***All session talks Grand Ballroom A/B.***)

9:05 AM - 9:15 AM Master of Ceremonies, [Charles Neal](#)

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM “Fireside Chat,” [Vint G. Cerf](#), moderated by [Katie Hafner](#)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Break (Sponsored by Truist)

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Panel Session: “The Innovators Showcase,” Moderated by, [Hope Merritt](#);
Panelists: [Luc Van den hove](#), [James J. Truchard](#), and [Melba Crawford](#)

11:00 – 11:45 AM Panel Session: ‘Navigating the Technology Industry,’ Moderated by, [Tracy Daniels](#),
Panelists: [Anna Zakrzewska](#), [Ingeborg J. Hochmair-Desoyer](#) and [Erwin Hochmair](#), [Nimmi Ramanujam](#)

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch (***Grand Ballroom B/C. Lunch sponsored by Hosted by Georgia Tech and CreateX***)

1:05 PM Master of Ceremonies Welcomes Back attendees for PM sessions (***Grand Ballroom A/B***)

1:10 PM – 1:55 PM – Panel Session: “Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT,” Moderated by, [Tim Gitau](#),
Panelists: [Rodney Brooks](#), [Lydia Kavradi](#), [Carlotta Berry](#)

1:55 PM – 2:10 PM - Break (Sponsored by GE)

2:10 PM – 2:40 PM Individual Speaker: [Dr. Alaa](#), Earthlink Iraq CEO, “*Building a Future-Ready Digital Ecosystem*”

2:40 PM – 3:05 PM Featured Speaker – [Scott Frank](#), AT&T President & CEO Intellectual Property, “*Making the World a Better Place with Intellectual Property*”

3:05 PM – MC Closing Remarks

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Exhibits by Create X (gamify and results disclosed at Honors Ceremony)

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Networking, Knowledge Alliance meet and greet, view exhibits, entertainment, along with snacks and refreshments

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM Recipient and sponsor stage instructions followed by photos of Recipients and sponsors

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Red-Carpet Reception before Honors Ceremony (***Salon/Grand Ballroom Foyer***)

5:10 PM Doors Open for seating (***Salon East/West***)

5:30 PM Honors Ceremony Gala begins - Presentation of 2023 IEEE Medals and Recognitions

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Dinner concludes. Presentation of 2023 IEEE Medal and Recognitions resumes.

8:30 PM – 9:30 PM - Dessert Reception (***Sponsored by IEEE Atlanta Section and Region 3***)

Note: Program and speakers for 4-5 May are subject to change.