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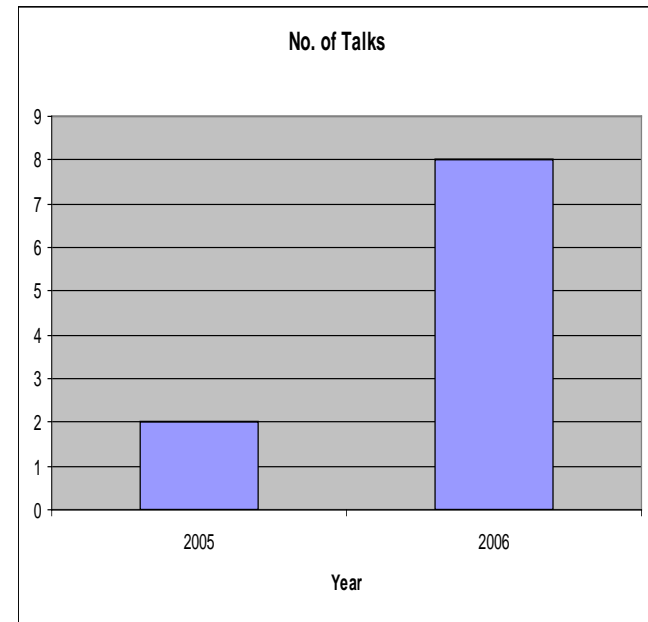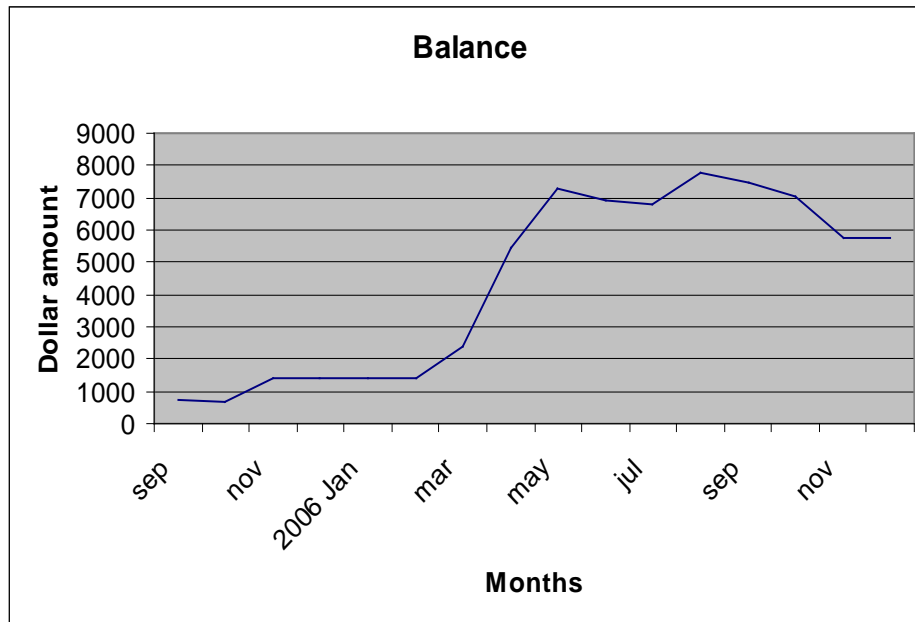# Maine Chapter

Chair: Dr. Ali Abedi

My Background

- PhD, ECE, University of Waterloo, Canada, 2004
- Assistant Professor, ECE Dept, UMaine, Since 2005
- Director of Wireless Sensor Networks (WiSe-Net) Lab
- Active IEEE member since 1998
- DVP Chair, Waterloo ITSOC chapter in 2003-4
- COM/CS joint chapter, 2005-present
- Secretary, Maine section, 2006
- Chair, Region-1 Student conference, 2006
- Vice-chair, Maine section, 2007

Revitalized in 2005

MAINE

- Starting from $0 budget and NO talks
- Close to $8000 fund raised and 10 talks organized

Balance

Dollar amount: 0, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000

Months: sep, nov, 2006 Jan, mar, may, jul, sep, nov

No. of Talks

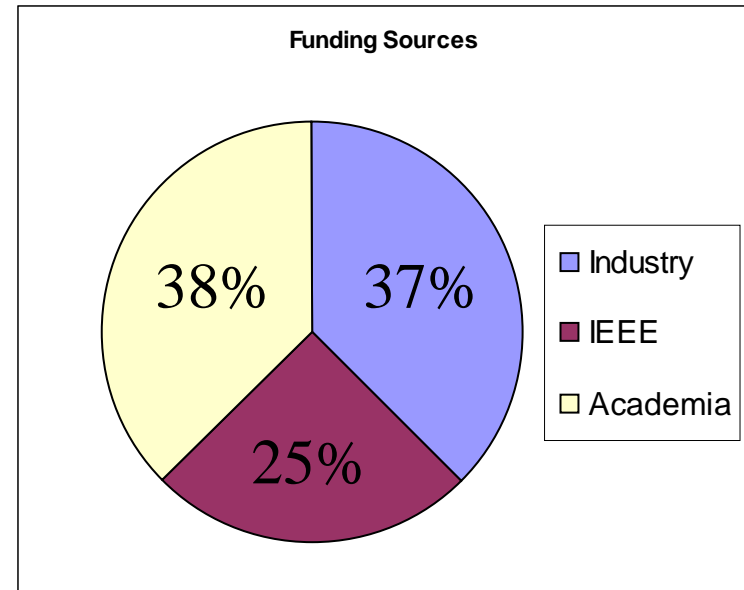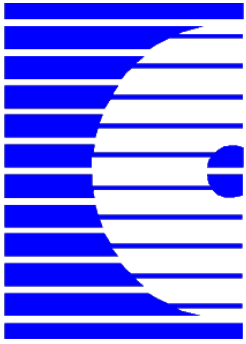| Year	No. of Talks
2005	2
2006	8

Fund Raising

- IEEE
  - COMSOC
  - Section
  - Region
- Industry
  - Local companies
- Academia
  - ECE Dept at UMaine
  - College of Engineering at UMaine

Funding Sources

37% Industry

25% IEEE

38% Academia

Technical Talks

- UMaine (Wireless Sensors/database)
- International Lambdoma Research Institute
- National speaker (Leadership)
- University of Maryland (DLT)
- SFSU (IEEE Standards)
- University of Maryland (Embedded systems)
- Consultant (Tech Writing)
- MIT (President of SP society)

Future Plans

- Membership development
  - Interdisciplinary talks
  - Networking events
  - Involving students (Future members!)
- Continuous fund raising
  - Partnership with industry/other societies
  - Recognizing contributions/donations
  - Establishing awards