The 2011 IEEE UKRI SBC (www.ukrisbc.org) was successfully held at Queen Mary University of London, bringing together student branch members from 11 UKRI branches, GOLD members, IEEE Dignitaries, and industry speakers. The congress was sponsored by the IEEE UKRI Section, Queen Mary University of London, Microsoft Research and Deutsche Bank. In total, over 50 delegates attended the 3-day event.

The theme of the congress was ‘Sculpturing the leaders of tomorrow’ and included networking sessions, technical lectures (including a Distinguished Lecturer seminar sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society), a panel discussion on post-recession employment, industry lectures, three competitions (sponsored by the IEEE PES UKRI Chapter and the IEEE Ethics and Member Conduct Committee), IEEE STEP seminars, and six workshops. Also taking place in parallel sessions during the congress were the IEEE UKRI Section Student Branch Chairs meeting and the IEEE UKRI Life Members Committee meeting.