

## CIE/USA-DFW Chapter 2023 Annual Convention Technical Executive Forum

The 2023 CIE/USA-DFW Technical Executive Forum took place on September 30 on the campus of The University of Texas at Dallas as part of the CIE's Annual Convention. The Forum, a by-invitation program hosted by Dr. Pooya Forghani (VP, Diodes Inc.), is designed to bring together a diverse group of experts to share their thoughts and experience on this year's Convention theme of "Technology Fusion – Artificial Intelligence in Action."

The Forum featured four distinguished academic and industry leaders:

- Jose Alvarez, Global Head of Market Areas, Intelligent Automation, AI-Transformation, Ericsson Inc.
- Dr. Hasan Pirkul, Dean, Naveen Jindal School of Management, The University of Texas at Dallas
- Panna Sharma, President, CEO and Board Member, Lantern Pharma Inc.
- Samuel Wong, VP and General Manager, Battery Management Solutions Division, Texas Instruments Inc.



L to R: Dr. Pooya Forghani (Forum Host), Gaurav Shekhar (Forum Moderator), and Forum panelists, Sam Wong, Dr. Hasan Pirkul, Panna Sharma, and Jose Alvarez

Expertly moderated by Gaurav Shekhar (Asst. Dean, Naveen Jindal School of Management, The University of Texas at Dallas), the panel explored a broad range of topics related to AI, from impact on jobs and societal wealth

distribution, to energy management and improving drug molecule candidate selection, to education.



Dr. Faa-Ching Wang, CIE/USA-DFW Founder, contemplating deeply on the discussion



An interactive session shared between the audience and panel

An audience of more than 50 people not only heard the many insights shared by the panel, but had the opportunity to ask questions where the panelists took time to answer and shed additional thoughts.



2023 Executive Forum Panelists, host, moderator together with CIE/USA-DFW officers and some of the audience