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## Fellows' Luncheon

**11 March 2011**

The March Fellows' Luncheon at Parliament House was hosted by Mr Craig Baumann MP, guest speaker Professor Stuart Wenham and by 160 Fellows and their guests.

We welcomed 20 new Fellows and 1 Honorary Fellow into Engineers Australia Sydney Division.



*Peter Allen, Sudarshan Raj Aryal, Ian Cutler, Christopher Dalitz, Nabil Faysal, Craig Funnell, John Heathers, Helmut Mayer, George Melhem, Siddiq Mirza, Sobhy Nicola, Giovanni Novella, Roland Slee, John Nichols, Andrew McGill-Morton, Rodney Cameron, Tristram Carfrae, Craig Laslett, Leslie Nador, William Tonge,  
Honorary Fellow: Dr John Sligar*

The guest speaker was Scientia Professor Stuart Wenham at The University of New South Wales and Chief Technical Officer of Suntech Power. Stuart is also Sydney Divisions Professional Engineer of the Year 2010.

Professor Wenham captivated the audience with his presentation on Photovoltaics Coming of Age. He discussed how Photovoltaics is the fastest growing industry in the world for its size, now exceeding \$100 billion/year world-wide and doubling every 1-2 years. Stuart also spoke about how this rapid growth and development towards reaching grid parity, is being fuelled by technology development, falling costs, Government support in many countries and the growing awareness of mankind for the need for sustainable and environmentally friendly energy supplies. Stuart finished with mentioning Australia's contributions to this rapid development, particularly through technology development and commercialisation but also through the education and training of many of the senior managers of the world's largest photovoltaic companies.

The Luncheon was closed by Brendyn Williams, Sydney Division Deputy President.