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**A Successful Collaborative Initiative to Promote Section and Chapters:  
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Presented by Xavier Fernando and Alexei Botchkarev, Toronto Section

This poster will share experience and knowledge gained by the IEEE Toronto  
Section in successfully organizing the **IEEE Toronto International Conference –  
Science and Technology for Humanity** for the first time. The conference  
attracted 360 papers from 29 countries, out of which 186 papers were  
accepted. There were three tutorials, plus five key-note and plenary speeches.  
Both on-site and on-line participation were made possible, and the event was  
financially very successful. The poster will describe how the Section and  
Chapters can work collaboratively to engage local universities and industry in  
IEEE activities and integrate an IEEE Milestone (First External Pacemaker) to  
increase public visibility.