

## **NDIA Michigan Chapter**

### **2011 Gold Sponsor**

#### **Lawrence Technological University Robofest**



Robofest is entering its 12<sup>th</sup> year of robotics and science competitions for middle and high schools, and recently received a \$5000 Gold Sponsorship from the Michigan Chapter of NDIA as part of the Chapter's 2010-2011 STEM program.



The primary goal of Robofest is to spark young students' interest in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM). At the 2010, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Robofest, a total of 1,443 students participated, with 441 teams representing four countries, (Canada, China, Korea, and the USA). Robofest 2010 featured a warm-up competition, 25 qualifying competitions, a video qualifier, a video regional, a regional championship, the World Championship, two afterglow events (IGVC and Maker Faire Detroit), and an associate event (RoboParade).

The Michigan Chapter STEM committee visited Lawrence Technological University (LTU) in September, and was given a comprehensive briefing by Professor CJ Chung, Robofest founder and chairman, staff, and students. The committee was convinced a Chapter contribution was consistent with their STEM objectives, hence its decision to support the Gold sponsorship.



*Pictured from left to right: Jerry Lane, NDIA Michigan Director and STEM Committee member; Don Kotchman, NDIA Michigan Chapter President; LTU Professor CJ Chung, Robofest Founder and Chairman; Dr. Maria J. Vaz, LTU Provost; and Glenn Bauer, LTU Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Robofest will be held at LTU, Southfield Campus on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information on Robofest, visit [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net) or contact Professor Chung at [atchung@ltu.edu](mailto:atchung@ltu.edu).

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