Unapproved Minutes of the 96th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting held on the 25th to the 27th of *March 2011*
London, United Kingdom

List of Participants

Full Name	Title
Marko Delimar	IEEE Region 8 Director
Martin Bastiaans	IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect
JOZEF MODELSKI	R8 Past-Director
Costas	IEEE Region 8 Secretary
Brian Harrington	IEEE Region 8 Treasurer
Ali El-Mousa	R8 V/C Member Activities
Elias Nassar	R8 V/C Student Activities
Saurabh Sinha	R8 V/C Technical Activities
Jan Haase	Austria Chair
Valentin Baranov	Belarus Chair
Wim van Etten	Benelux Chair
Dusanka Boskovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina Chair
Rossitza Goleva	Bulgaria Chair
Igor Kuzle	Croatia Chair
Gregoris Maliotis	Cyprus Chair
Jan Sistek	Czechoslovakia Treasurer
Erik Stilling	Denmark Chair
Samir Ibrahim	Egypt Chair
Urmet Janes	Estonia Chair
Heikki Koivo	Finland Chair
Amara AMARA	France Vice Chair
Axel Richter	Germany Chair
Amoakoh Gyasi-	Ghana Chair
Athanasios	Greece Chair
Imre Rudas	Hungary Chair
Karl S	Iceland Chair
Amin Nobakhti	Iran Secretary
Sigmond Singer	Israel Past Chair
Dario Petri	Italy Vice Chair
Gheith Abandah	Jordan Chair
Fadhel Abulhasan	Kuwait MD Officer
Andrejs Romanovs	Latvia Vice Chair
Ghassan Shaban	Lebanon Chair
Dalius	Lithuania Chair
Paul Micallef	Malta Chair
Mohamed	Morocco Chair
Yussuf Salihu	Nigeria Chair
Erik Olsen	Norway Chair
Maciek Ogorzałek	Poland Chair
Rui Santos Cruz	Portugal Chair

Goce Arsov		Republic of Macedonia Chair
Radu N. Dobrescu		Romania Chair
Sergey		Russia (Northwest) Vice Chair
Alexander		Russia (Siberia) Secretary
Mohammed Al-		Saudi Arabia (East) Vice Chair
Hafidh S Al-		Saudi Arabia (West) Chair
Natasa Neskovic		Serbia and Montenegro Chair
Matej Zajc		Slovenia Chair
Jacques van Wyk		South Africa Chair
Manuel Castro		Spain Chair
Igor Gazdik		Sweden Chair
Andreas Doering		Switzerland Vice Chair
Loulou Mourad		Tunisia Chair
Arif Selçuk		Turkey Student Representaive
Oleksandr		Ukraine Chair
Eesa Bastaki		United Arab Emirates Chair
Christopher J.		UKRI Chair
Reuben		Zambia Chair
Charles Turner		Awards & Recognitions Chair
Daniel Pasquet		Chapter Coordinator Chair
Carl Debono		Conference Coordinator Chair
Bakr Hassan		Educational Activities Chair
George Michael		Electronic Communications
Salima Kaissi		GOLD Activities Chair
Ghaleb Dandan		Industry Relations Chair
Dirk Van Hertem		Membership Development Chair
David Law		Standards Coordinator
Jorge Soares		Student Representative
Roland Saam		Editor Region 8 News
Kurt Richter		Jubilee Book Editor
Diogo Mónica		Webmaster
Pilar Molina		Sections Congress Coordinator/Strategic Planning
Vladimir Katić		Technical Committees
Stefano Zanero		Publications
Vlatko Stoilkov		Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator
Victor Fouad		Awards & Recognition
Jef Beerten		Awards & Recognition / Student Activities
Eva Lang		Educational Activities / Student Activities
Nele Reynders		GOLD Activities
Rafal Sliz		GOLD Activities
Joao Figueiras		Industry Relations
Aleksandar Szabo		Membership Development
George Paunovic		Student Activities
Muhamamd		Student Activities
Hossam Fahmy		Student Activities
Zhijia Huang		Region 8 News
Fotini-Niovi		Educational Activities / Continuing education
Tony Davies		Strategic Planning

Emilio Corchado		PA subcommittee
Adam K.		Membership Development
Han Van Loon		Membership Development
Ilhem Kallel		Clementina Saduwa Award Recipient
Steven Van		R8 logo competition winner
Oksana		IEEE East Ukraine Joint Chapter Chair, SM IEEE
Inmaculada Plaza		Spain Education Society
Moshe Kam		IEEE President
Gordon Day		IEEE President-Elect
Pedro Ray		IEEE Past President
Howard Michel		Vice President, Member and Geographic Activities
James		Executive Director & COO of IEEE
Lawrence Wong		IEEE Region 10 Director
Cecelia Jankowski		MGA Managing Director
Steve Mills		IEEE Standards Association President
Roger Pollard		IEEE Secretary and President Elect-Candidate
Peter Staecker		President-Elect Candidate
Moira Patterson		Program Manager, International Programs
Judy Gorman		Managing Director, Standards Association
Patrick Mahoney		Chief Marketing Officer
Tania Quiel		IEEE Region 9 Director
Doug Gorham		Managing Director IEEE Educational Activities
Matt Loeb		Staff Executive Corporate & Executive Director
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Cheryl Sinauskas		Director, Geographic Activities
Jamie Moesch		Director of Member Strategy
Mike Sosa		Staff Director-Investment Management Services at **IEEE** Contract Management
Gloria Chuwudebe		Nigeria Vice Chair
Imadur Rahman		Sweden Vice Chair
Peer Martin		MD officer Denmark
Min Zhou		UKRI Student
Lei Li		UKRI Student
Musa Musami		UKRI Student
Zacchaeus		Dean, School of Engineering, Namibia
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Donald Dunn		IAS Society Education Chair
Rami Mushcab		MGA Vice Chair 2010
Fang Xu		SMC
Bill Hayes		BTS
Simonetta Turtu		Supercond.
Péter Magyar		IAS
Jan Machac		MTTS
Mihaela Albu		IMS
Meliha Selak		PES
Frank Schwierz		EDS
Frank Sabath		EMC
Ian White		Photonics

Elizabeth Burd		CS
Sales Hazel		PCS
Rakesh Kumar		SSC

Saturday

1. Call to order

The Region 8 Director, Marko Delimar, opened the 96th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting and asked the Secretary, Costas Stasopoulos, to make the roll call.

2. Roll Call

The Secretary, Costas Stasopoulos, made the roll call and there was a quorum.

3. Welcome

The Region 8 Director, Marko Delimar, welcomed everybody in London. He said that there should be bidirectional communication and involvement of the Section Chairs. He said that he is very glad to have with us some very distinguished guests: IEEE President Moshe Kam, IEEE President-Elect Gordon Day, IEEE Past President Pedro Ray, Vice President, Member and Geographic Activities Howard Michel, IEEE Region 10 Director Lawrence Wong , IEEE Region 9 Director Tania Quiel , IEEE Standards Association President Steve Mills, IEEE Secretary and President-Elect Candidate Roger Pollard, President-Elect Candidate Peter Staecker, Executive Director & COO of IEEE James Prendergast, Managing Director MGA Cecelia Jankowski, Staff Executive Corporate & Executive Director Matthew S. Loeb, Managing Director, Educational Activities Douglas Gorham , Managing Director, Standards Association Director Judy Gorman, Chief Marketing Officer Patrick Mahoney and others.

5. Introduction of Officers

An introduction of all the Section Chairs was made by the Secretary and themselves.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Marko Delimar presented the agenda; it was approved unanimously as shown below.

Saturday, 26 March 2011 – UTC (GMT), "local winter time"

time	#	type	item	presenter	info
8:00	1		Call to Order	Delimar	
8:05	2		Roll Call	Stasopoulos	
8:10	3		Welcome	Delimar/James	
8:15	5		Introduction of New Officers	Stasopoulos	
8:25	6		Introductory Remarks	Delimar/Stasopoulos	
8:30	4	Act	Adoption of the Agenda	Delimar	
8:35	7	Act	Approval of the Consent Agenda	Delimar	
8:40	301	Disc	Director's Report	Delimar	

time	#	type	item	presenter	info
9:10	311	Disc	IEEE 2012 Vision and Direction	Day	
9:30	310	Disc	IEEE Executive Director's Presentation	Prendergast	
9:45			Break		
10:15	312A	Disc	IEEE MGA Presentations	Michel	
10:30	312B	Disc	IEEE MGA Presentations	Jankowski	
10:45	304	Disc	Region 8 Strategic Direction	Modelski	
11:00	302	Disc	Secretary's Report	Stasopoulos	
11:10	303	Disc	Treasurer's Report	Harrington	
11:20	306	Disc	Member Activities	El-Mousa	
11:50			Group Photo		
12:00			Lunch		
13:00	307	Disc	Student Activities	Nassar	
13:30	308	Disc	Technical Activities	Sinha	
14:00	313	Disc	IEEE Standards Association	Sinha/Law/Mills	
14:10	314	Disc	Region 8 Conferences	Sinha/Debono	
14:20	315	Disc	EnergyCon Review	Sinha/Dandan	
14:25	316	Disc	Sections Congress 2011	Molina/Jankowski	
14:40			Recess		
14:45			Break		
15:15	317	Act	Workshops – Sec. Con. Recommendations	El-Mousa/Molina	ends at 17:00
-- : --			Awards (Dinner and Awards Ceremony)		Great Fosters

Sunday, 27 March 2011 – UTC+1 (GMT+1), "local summer time"

time	#	type	item	presenter	info
9:00	1		Call to Order and Roll Call		
9:10	305	Disc	Section Development and Vitality	Bastiaans	
9:25	320	Disc	Region 8's 50th Anniversary	Bastiaans/Richter	
9:40	319		President-Elect Candidates' Debate	Delimar/Kaissi	Pollard/Staecker

10:25	309	Disc	IEEE President's Address	Kam	
10:45			Break		
11:15	318	Act	Final R8 Sections Congress recommendations	El-Mousa/Molina	
11:35	322	Act	Election of R8 N&A Member	Modelski	
11:55	323	Act	IEEE Region 8 Logo	Stasopoulos/Mónica	
12:05	324	Act	Section Formation Approval Process	Bastiaans	
12:15	325		New Business	Delimar	
12:50	398		Next Meeting		
12:55	399		Adjournment		
13:00			Lunch		

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

<mark>The consent agenda was presented and adopted unanimously.</mark>

The reports and presentations that follow can be found at:
http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/8/cms/phocadownload/CommitteeMeetings/London/Director.pdf

301. IEEE Region 8 Director's Report

Marko Delimar, Region 8 Director, introduced the members of the committee; he stated its mission and vision, went through some key facts and characteristics, talked about some recent activities, did a short SWOT analysis and pointed out some challenges for the future. He gave an overview of last year's events and also mentioned the upcoming events. He also presented the new IEEE Region 8 logo. Then he went on giving the key challenges of Region 8: Africa, Cooperation with European agencies and Conferences.

311. IEEE 2012 Vision and Direction

IEEE President-Elect **Gordon Day** thanked everybody for their support during the election and he will try not to let anybody down. Leadership and Management, Strategy and Tactics are the key areas that he will concentrate on during his Presidency. Then he talked about the IEEE logo "Advancing technology for humanity" and the necessary steps to achieve it. IEEE should become stronger, more global and more assertive. Its members should become more equal across the world and have the same opportunities. An IEEE office will be established in Brussels soon.

310. IEEE Executive Director's Presentation

IEEE Executive Director **James Prendergast** gave a brief update of the staff activities. The financial forecast for 2011 is good and a surplus is expected. All aspects of IEEE are doing well and membership is on the increase both in general membership and Society membership. He then gave an update on Standards activities and Education activities, Major initiatives, Products and Services and finished by giving his top priorities.

5. UKRI Section Welcome

The UKRI Section Chair **Christopher James** welcomed everybody in UK and Republic of Ireland and wished them to have a good and productive meeting.

312A and 312B. IEEE MGA Presentations

MGA Vice-President **Howard Michel** and **Cecelia Jankowski**, Managing Director, Member and Geographic Activities, presented the main MGA activities and their main thoughts for the MGA strategy for 2011. They both stressed that MGA is truly focused on the member and not on the membership. An update was given on all the functions and future plans for MGA.

304. Region 8 Strategic Direction

Jozef Modelski, Past Region 8 Director and Strategic Planning Chair, gave his reflections as Past Director. He explained his philosophy on how to operate within Region 8 and presented the main events that took place in our Region. He thanked everybody for their help during his directorship. He invited everybody to the Strategic Planning meeting where more detailed discussions will take place.

302. Secretary's Report-Approval of R8 Prague meeting minutes

Secretary **Costas Stasopoulos** gave an account of all the things that were organized in the past six months, like the Prague meeting and the OpCom meeting in Vienna. He gave an account of the new registration software that was used for this meeting. This helped to avoid any errors and worked smoothly. He said that the web pages of the Sections are very important and that some Sections do not have a web page. He thanked all Region 8 Committee members for their support and cooperation, George Michael, the Electronic Communications Coordinator, and especially Marko Delimar and Jozef Modelski for their help.

The Minutes of the Prague meeting were approved unanimously.

303. Treasurer's Report

Brian Harrington, the Region 8 Treasurer, presented a summary report for 2010 and his outlook for 2011. The budget for 2010 was a balanced one. The Riga and Prague meetings were to budget. The Student Branch Congress was a financial success. Travel costs remain the 25% of the total budget. Region 8 is fulfilling all its obligations and payments, maybe with a small delay. He went on giving more details on the income and expense figures for the year. He continued by presenting the summary of his report. Further progress was made on cost control. There are some cash flow concerns and there is a need to rebuild assets.

306. Member Activities Report

Ali El-Mousa, R8 V/C Member Activities, started by introducing the GOLD team and gave the key facts and activities of the group. He urged everybody to create a GOLD affinity group. Then he presented the Professional Activities team. They organize activities to enchase members' careers in soft skills, management, communications and others. Then the Membership Development team was presented where local activities and personal contact are very important. He then gave some information on e-membership. The Women in Engineering Coordinator resigned for personal reasons. There are many WIE affinity groups and many events have been happening. The Life Members are very active and doing very well with many milestones and conferences. He then gave some information on the Region 8 News and the Region 8 Web page.

307. Student Activities

Elias Nassar, R8 V/C Student Activities, started by introducing all the members of his team. He then gave an overview of Student Membership in R8 and he presented the student activities that took place in 2011 like ISBC March 11-14, Madrid, Spain, MESBC March 15-18, Doha, Qatar, and then the

upcoming events like CeUSBC May 12-14, Linz, Austria, MESBC 2013 in Lebanon and others. He also explained what the Twin Student Branch Program is and he gave some information on the Electronic Communications of the Student Web page. Then he asked the Section Chairs for their help in order to promote the student activities.

308. Technical Activities

Saurabh Sinha, R8 V/C Technical Activities, started by stating the Five Priorities that were set by the IEEE BoD for2011. Then he presented the Chapter Coordination Subcommittee (ChCSC), the Conference Coordination Subcommittee (CoCSC), the R8 Conference Activities Subcommittee, Educational Activities Subcommittee (EASC), Industry Relations Subcommittee(IRSC), the Standards Coordinator, the TAB "Committees" Liaisons and the Technical Publications Coordinator. He gave an overview of the Conferences and other events and activities that have happened in the above Subcommittees and an outlook for the future. **Daniel Pasquet, Carl Debono, Bakr Hassan, Ghaleb Al-Dandan, David Law** and Vladimir **Katić** gave a short overview of their corresponding areas.

313. IEEE Standards Association

Steve Mills, President, IEEE Standards Association, stated the core purpose of the Association and took a look at the question: What drives standards? Technology, Economics, Politics. Then he went on explaining that global markets require globally relevant standards. We have to ensure the relevance of IEEE Standards. In summary he said: We must recognize that geographically tuned standards strategies are critical to our success, we must value the contribution of IEEE corporate offices located in strategic geographies and utilize available on-the-ground resources in the execution of our global standards strategy and we must be open to partnering with IEEE OUs, industry or other organizations to achieve the Institute's strategic goals globally.

314. Region 8 Conferences

Carl Debono, the Conference Coordinator, gave short presentations on the conferences of our Region: EUROCON 2011 in Lisbon, Portugal, Africon 2011 in Livingstone, Zambia, HISTELCON 2012 in Pavia, Italy, SIBIRCON 2012 in Belokuriha, Russia, MELECON 2012 in Medina Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia, and ENERGYCON 2012 in Florence, Italy.

315. EnergyCon Review

Ghaleb Al-Dandan gave an overview of the EnergyCon 2010 conference that took place on the 18th – 22nd December, 2010 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

316. Sections Congress 2011

Pilar Molina Gaudó, the Sections Congress Coordinator, gave all the details and planning for Sections Congress 2011. She first gave the Key Milestones for SC2011, then the Focus Areas, the Recommendation Process and the necessary logistics.

317. Workshops – Sec. Con. Recommendations

Pilar Molina Gaudó gave the guidelines for the preparation of the workshops for the recommendations towards the Sections Congress to be held in San Francisco in August 2011.

Day 2

305. Section Development and Vitality

Martin Bastiaans, IEEE R8 Director-Elect, said that he is a member of the Geographic Unit Operations Support Committee that is discussing Section Vitality and in these terms they would like to establish the Section vitality roadmap and what is needed for a successful and vital Section. There are still many discussions on the subject and after this a plan will be made specifically for our Region in order to proceed with this. Then he gave a list of various ideas on the subject. The road map has to be adapted taking into account the special conditions of each Section. In the near future he will try and check the vitality of the Sections and try to identify the problems, and on a one-to-one basis he will try to assist to boost the vitality of the Sections.

320. Region 8's 50th Anniversary

Martin Bastiaans, IEEE R8 Director-Elect, started by giving the 4 different dates in 1962 and 1963 that can be considered as the birth date of Region 8. He suggested that we should celebrate the 50th anniversary for the whole year. He also urged the Sections to celebrate locally, as well.
Kurt R. Richter, IEEE R8 Jubilee Book Coordinator, showed the editorial board for the Jubilee Book and he then explained the details on the Web-based Book and on the Printed Book. He urged the Section Chairs to make their inputs to these projects. He finished by giving some information on the creation of the Region 8 archive.

319. President-Elect Candidates' Debate

A debate took place between **Roger Pollard** and **Peter W. Staecker,** President-Elect Candidates for IEEE President. First they each made a short presentation and a debate followed. The debate was moderated by **Salima Kaissi** and several questions were asked and answered.

309. IEEE President's Address

IEEE President **Moshe Kam** gave a presentation with the title "What your Board of Directors has done for you lately". He gave an outline of the Board of Directors priorities for 2011: Emphasis on the external environment wherein IEEE operates, Spotlight on key large-scale activities, Expansion into new areas and strengthening of IEEE competitiveness, Ensure sustainable progress toward establishing IEEE's leadership in important new technical areas, Develop and approve a plan to ensure that IEEE is at the forefront of digital publishing technology, Develop and implement an IEEE Conference Strategy, including protection of quality of IEEE publications, Develop collaborative strategic alliances with other associations and publishers, To ensure all members are engaged and find a professional home in IEEE; create a global strategic member development plan. He then gave more insight on selected activities: The Life Sciences, Humanitarian Activities, and Africa.

318. Final R8 Sections Congress recommendations

Pilar Molina Gaudó, the Sections Congress Coordinator, and the workshop coordinators presented the results of the workshops. The procedure will be continued with an online procedure where the top 5 recommendations will be selected.

322. Election of R8 N&A Member

Jozef Modelski, Past Region 8 Director, presented the 3 candidates for the Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee (N&A). The candidates were **Christopher James** from UKRI**, Daniel Pasquet** from France and **Tunde Salihu** from Nigeria**.** The R8 Committee met in executive session

with only the voting members of the Committee present where views and opinions on the canditates were exchanged. Voting took place and **Tunde Salihu** was elected.

323. IEEE Region 8 Logo

Diogo Mónica, the R8 Information Management Coordinator, explained all the details for the R8 logo competition and then he announced the winner out of 185 entries of the competition and presented the new logo. The logo has been approved by IEEE Corporate Services**.** The winning logo was designed by Steven Van Vaerenbergh.
The motion to accept the new logo was adopted unanimously.

324. Section Formation Approval Process

Martin Bastiaans, IEEE R8 Director-Elect, gave an overview of the Section, Subsection, Branch and Affinity Groups in our Region. He tried to identify the ideal Section size. Then he showed his proposal for new Section development and sugested that a good way to start a new geographic unit is to create a Subsection that resides directly under the Region.

325. New Business

Charles Turner, the Awards and Recognitions Subcommittee Chair, announced that the winner of the R8 Volunteer Award was Vladimir Dimcev. He also asked the participants to propose candidates for various awards.
Saurabh Sinha, R8 V/C Technical Activities, gave the following motion coming from the CoCSC (Subcommittee motion):

- *Resolve that the guidelines on hosting and organizing IEEE Region 8 Flagship Conferences are accepted.*
- *Appropriate revisions/additions will be entered into the Region 8 operations manual.*
  Bidding Guidelines & Procedures to host IEEE Region 8 Conferences
- *Contains*
  - *Eligibility*
  - *Format*
  - *Required Documentation*
  - *Region 8 Support*
  - *Surplus*

The motion was adopted.

A suggestion was made by **Jan Haase** to have legends on abbreviations shown in the presentations.

326. Next Meeting

The next Region 8 Committee meeting will be held in San Francisco, USA on 18-19 August 2011 (in conjunction with Sections Congress).

A birthday cake was presented to Marko Delimar and Manuel Castro and the happy birthday song was sung to them.

327. The Region 8 Director moved to end the Region 8 Committee meeting. The motion was adopted.

Adjourn