IEEE Region 8 Director's Report

Changes to the composition of the Region 8 Committee and its subcommittees (since March 2011)

Women in Engineering Coordinator
- Ferdinanda Ponci (Germany)

Chapter Coordination Subcommittee
- --> see VC TA report

Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee
- Tunde Salihu (Nigeria) - elected in March

Strategic Planning Subcommittee
- Hafidh S Al-Samarrai (Saudi Arabia, West)

An update to the Short History of Region 8

- 14 February 1962: Informal meeting of the Intersectional Committee, Europe (4 Sections: Benelux, France, Geneva, Italy)
- 6 March 1962: Sending of the final petition (from the Benelux Section) to the IRE Board of Directors
- 24 April 1962: Approval by the IRE Executive Committee
- 24 May 1962: Approval by the IRE Board of Directors
- 6 June 1962: Inaugural meeting of the IRE Region 9 Committee – 12 attendees – 6 Sections: Benelux, Egypt, France, Geneva, Israel, Italy
- 22 October 1962: Second IRE Region 9 Committee meeting – 7 Sections (new Section: UK and Eire)
- 8 January 1963: Re-approval by the IEEE Board of Directors (after the merger); renaming of IRE Region 9 to IEEE Region 8
- 22 April 1963: First IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting – 8 Sections (new Section: Norway)
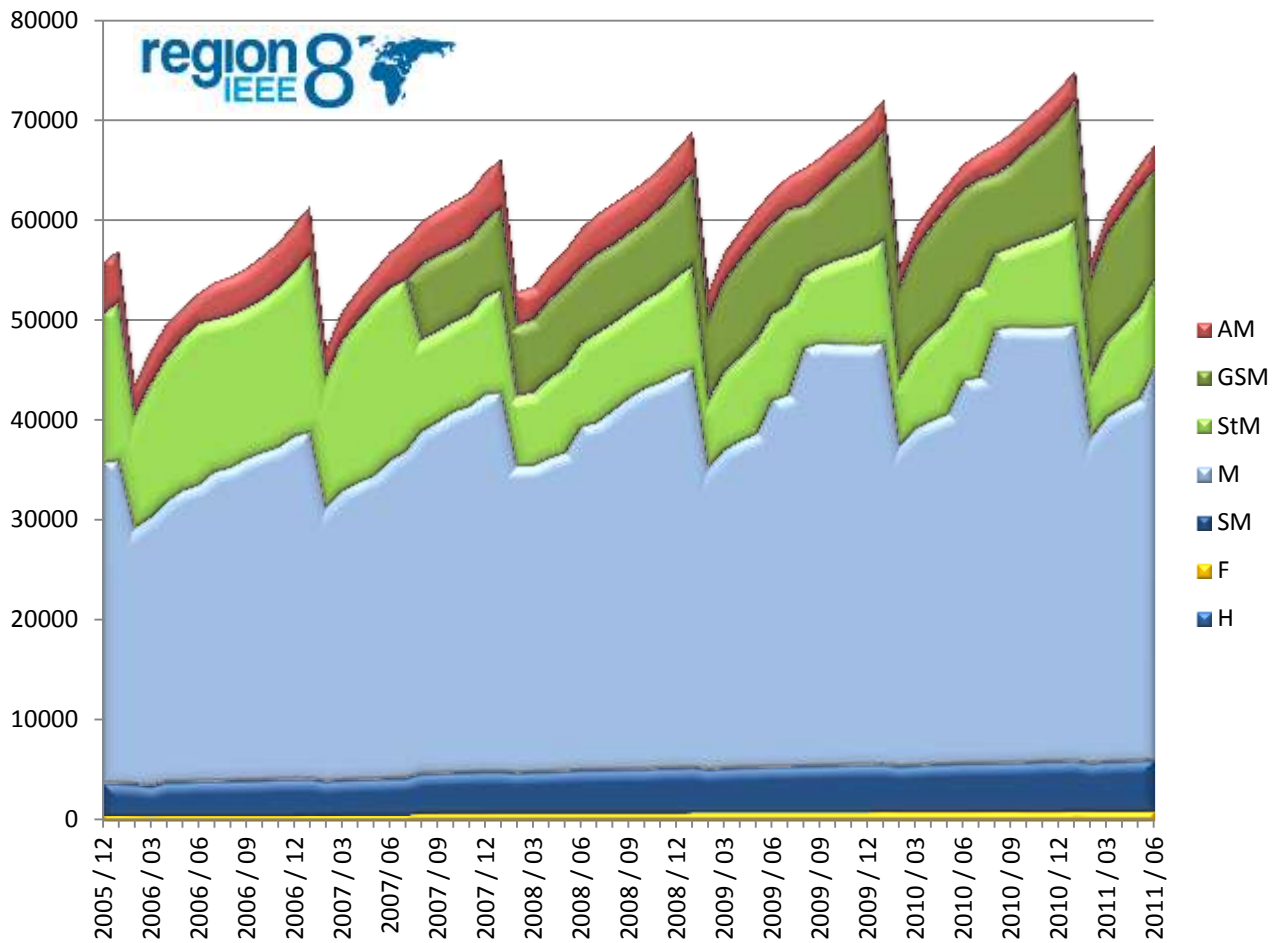
Organisational Units

01 January 2011

- 56 Sections
- 6 Subsections (2 outside Sections)
- 495 Society Chapters
- 57 Affinity Groups
- 342 Student Branches
- 69 Student Branch Chapters
- 40 Student Branch Affinity Groups

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- 56 Sections
- 8 Subsections (4 outside Sections)
- 512 Society Chapters
- 58 Affinity Groups
- 361 Student Branches
- 77 Student Branch Chapters
- 48 Student Branch Affinity Groups

IEEE Region 8 Membership Dynamics

Officer's Term Limits

During the 25 June 2011 meeting the MGA passed the following motion:

1. All Section officers must be elected. This election can be conducted annually or every two years. An individual may serve two consecutive terms of office.
2. A lifetime term limit shall be established for Section officers. An individual shall not serve in a position for more than 3 terms (i.e. 6 years) provided there is at least a one term break.
3. The MGA Operations Manual to be revised to incorporate text which explains how an individual may be removed from the position and how an individual can be suspended from office.

Region 8 Website

Region 8 website is still undergoing a major reconstruction.

2011 IEEE Region 8 Events

22-23 January	IEEE Region 8 Operating Committee Meeting, Vienna, Austria
25-27 March	IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting, London, England, UK
27-29 April	IEEE EUROCON, Lisbon, Portugal
11-12 July	IEEE Region 8 Nominations and Appointments Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey
18-19 August	IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA
13-15 September	IEEE AFRICON, Livingstone, Zambia
8-9 October	IEEE Region 8 Operating Committee Meeting, TBD

2011 Major IEEE Events in Region 8

8 April 2011	IEEE Milestone - Discovery of Superconductivity, Leiden, Netherlands
29 April 2011	IEEE Milestone - Marconi's Early Experiments in Wireless Telegraphy, Pontechio Marconi (Bologna), Italy

2011 Major Student Events in Region 8

11-13 March	Iberian Student Branch Congress, Madrid, Spain
15-18 March	Middle East Student Branch Congress, Doha, Qatar
13-15 May	Central European Student Branch Congress, Linz, Austria
2-4 September	UK/RI Student Branch Congress, London, England, UK

Updates from the IEEE MGA meeting 25 June 2011

- IEEE Mauritius Subsection was approved
- IEEE Sudan Subsection was approved
- IEEE Palestine Subsection petition was received
  – the formation is pending further administrative measures
- MGA endorsed a new Bundled IEEE/Society membership model

Updates from the IEEE BoD meeting 27 June 2011

- Highlights of IEEE activities in Africa, including an environmental scan, were provided
- A discussion was held on a new Bundled IEEE/Society membership model

Closing Remarks

The full report will be presented during the Region 8 Committee meeting in San Francisco, California on 18 August. Please download the presentation from the Region 8 website.

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Zagreb, 25 July 2011   2011-2012 IEEE Region 8 Director