

## IEEE Member Activities Report August 2011



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During the past few months and following the London meeting, feedback information was gathered from all members of the subcommittees under my supervision. The members were asked to submit their remarks, comments, successes, failures and their recommendations. This was also followed up during various Skype conference meetings. This feedback information was vital to discern the various needs and also to motivate and encourage the region volunteers. This information was discussed and followed up.

The various subcommittee coordinators were asked to submit their individual reports about their activities for the SF meeting. You can find these reports in the agenda book and on the SF meeting web page at:

[http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/8/cms/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=391&Itemid=400017](http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/8/cms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=391&Itemid=400017)

Additional remarks on the operation and activities of the different subcommittees follow:

### **Membership Development (MD)**

Overall membership in the IEEE continues to grow. Total membership as of end of June 2011 stands at 371749 with an increase of 1.4% from last year. Region 8 membership stands at 67721 with an increase of 3.5% over last year.

Issues of concern which I urge section chairs to observe:

- First year retention rate for R8 is around 85% of the identified goal. I am sure we can improve this.
- Some sections still do not have an MD officer. Please appoint one. This issue was highlighted in the London meeting. Thank you for the sections which did respond to the call.
- e-membership (where applicable). We have achieved until June only 37% of eligible higher grade members. More focus on this issue is also required in the coming few months specifically after August.

The R8 MD subcommittee has initiated a new program to increase the membership of small sections. It substantial financial rewards for qualifying sections. Please see the details in the SF R8 MD report. Please also consult with the members of the subcommittee in SF.

### **For Professional Activities (PA)**

In these times of economic uncertainties, it is strongly felt that it pays to add value to our members through engaging them within the sphere of PA. To enhance this, it is important for sections to appoint a PA officer to work and coordinate these activities at the section and subsection level. Work is going on to put forward a proposal to this effect to be submitted at the section congress.

Additionally, a focus group is working on what is called thought leadership program to be run through the PA subcommittee. Please have a look at the SF PA report.

Please note that most members of this committee will be available for advice and discussions during the R8 meeting in SF.

### **Graduates of Last Decade (GOLD)**

A highlight of GOLD activity in addition to the various support roles which can be seen in the GOLD report in the agenda book is the compiling, editing and printing of the GOLD book. This book chronicles the activities of GOLD during the last three years across R8. Please make sure to get your copy during the meeting.

Also, the GOLD subcommittee is now engaging in organizing all activities related to IEEE day deployment. Please read the GOLD report and support them within your OU.

### **Women in Engineering (WIE)**

Due to the sudden resignation of Barbara Obryk because of personal reasons, WIE is now under new leadership. Dr Ferdinanda Ponci has been recently appointed to lead the R8 coordination efforts for WIE in R8. Dr Ponci thoughts and ideas can be found on the WIE R8 page.

### **Electronic Communications (ECC)**

- Continue to emphasize the policy of reducing unnecessary emails and consolidate the rest.
- Emphasize the use of social networking media by subcommittees

### **R8 News**

- Continued release in a timely manner
- A study will be performed soon to see whether to continue with it in its current form or turn it into purely electronic delivery based.

### **Sections Congress Coordinator**

Directly participated in the planning and execution of the R8 sections congress recommendation process and followed up the final submission to MGA.

Latest information regarding registration to the R8 meeting and sections congress in SF reveal that most R8 committee members completed their registration and confirmed their participation.

General activities of VC included but not limited to regular Skype conference calls with the various subcommittees, follow-up through email of all subcommittee discussions, regular interaction with comments, proposals, and advice to R8 OpCom

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