

IEEE Region 8 Life Members Report – July 2011

IEEE Life Membership Qualifications

IEEE "Life" status is an automatic process based on an individual's membership record. To qualify for Life member status, a member must be at least 65 years of age and have been a member of IEEE or one of its predecessor societies for such a period that the sum of his/her age and his/her years of membership equals or exceeds 100 years.

Benefits of Life membership

- * Dues and regional assessments are waived for Life Members.
- * For qualifying Life Members, society fees are also waived.
- * Individuals may receive reduced member rates at IEEE sponsored conferences.
- * Life Members continue to receive the same benefits that are available to other IEEE members.

IEEE Life Members Affinity Groups

An IEEE Life Members Affinity Group is a local Unit of an IEEE Organizational Unit, constituted by IEEE members who have obtained Life Member status and established by petition, and concerned to represent and fulfill the needs of the local IEEE Life Members.

A petition www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/forms_petitions/DF_IEEE_MIG_MCT_63099 to establish an IEEE Life Members Affinity Group must be submitted and approved by the IEEE Life Members Committee Chair, Region Director, and Section Chair.

For IEEE Life Members Affinity Group Management and Procedures

visit www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/life_members/group_management.html

Life Member Groups in Region 8

We have LM Groups in 7 Sections: Croatia, France, Israel, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and UK&RI Section.

In many other Sections in our Region we have enough Life Members to form LM Groups. **Let us form new LM Groups in our Sections during 2011.** Here are the counts of Life Members on 13 July 2011:

Section Name	Count of Life Members	Section Name	Count of Life Members
Austria	15	Malta	1
Benelux	89	Nigeria	1
Croatia, LMG	14	Norway	34
Cyprus	2	Poland	18
Czechoslovakia	4	Portugal	3
Denmark	32	Qatar	2
Egypt	27	Rep of Macedonia	1
Finland	24	Romania	6
France, LMG	68	Saudi Arabia	3
Germany	153	Serbia & Montenegro	4
Greece	25	Slovenia	9
Hungary	11	South Africa	6
Iceland	3	Spain, LMG	43
Israel, LMG	92	Sweden	80
Italy, LMG	99	Switzerland, LMG	157
Jordan	3	Turkey	12
Kenya	1	UK&RI, LMG	200
Kuwait	3	Ukraine	2
Latvia	1	UAE	2
Lebanon	2		

LM Group Officers Positions

Officers of the Life Members Group shall be **at least a Chair and a Vice Chair**. Each member of the Life Members Group Committee shall have attained IEEE Life Member status and be an IEEE member of Member, Senior Member, or Fellow grade.

Congratulations to the 2011 Outstanding Life Member Affinity Groups

The IEEE Life Members Committee (LMC) announced the recipients that have been recognized as 2011 Outstanding Life Member (LM) Affinity Groups. The Outstanding LM Affinity Groups were identified based on the number of LM events held, the average attendance at those events, and the number of contributors to the IEEE Life Members Fund (LMF). Two LM Groups from Region 8 have been recognized:

Section	LMG Chair
Israel	Jacob Baal-Schem
UK&RI	Roland Saam

The LMC believes that keeping LMs active and engaged is a key component to the success of the IEEE in local IEEE activities. This engagement can be conducted through the local Section and/or Technical Chapter but the LMC believes that having a local LM Affinity Group is a more effective method in keeping LMs active. If your Section does not have an LM Affinity Group, you are encouraged to discuss the formation of an LM Affinity Group with your Section leadership.

Why Establish a Life Members Group

While many Life Members remain active in IEEE projects at various levels of IEEE, the Life Members Committee encourages the formation of Life Members Groups in Sections because the Committee believes more Life Members will remain involved if there are Life Members Groups.

Life Members Groups enable Life Members to retain active IEEE associations, contribute to the social good in their communities, advance the professional interests of IEEE and allow members to enjoy each other's company.

If you have any questions concerning LM group formation don't hesitate to send me an e-mail a.szabo@ieee.org

What LM Groups Can Do

Life Member Groups should organize at least two meetings during the calendar year to remain active. All meetings are counted (technical, social, administrative).

Life Member Groups can cooperate with Chapters, GOLD Affinity Groups and Student Branches in common projects.

Life Members can help in Section Operation and especially in Membership Recruitment, Retention and recovery. Life Members often know much about history and can help a lot in LM Group and Section history activities, and participate in the Milestone program.

Life Members Groups are authorized by the IEEE Life Members Committee an annual budget, not exceeding **US\$1,000**, towards meetings or activities acceptable to the Regional Life Members Coordinator. The funding will be provided upon actual expenses. Prior to any Life Members Group expenditure requiring additional Life Members Committee funding, the approval must first be obtained from the Regional Life Members Coordinator.

Invitation to Form LM Groups

Since our spring R8 Committee Meeting in London, Sections having enough Life Members have been contacted and invited to form LM Groups. In some of them the process of the formation already started.

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