Conference Coordination Sub-Committee (CoCSC) Report

Conference Coordination *Sub-Committee – Standing Members*
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- Karl Gudmundsson (Iceland)
- Gerhard Hancke (South Africa) – Corresponding member

Improvements in Conference Organization
IEEE *e-Notice service* is being used for R8 conference promotion (e-mails go to R8 members only), see: http://www.ieee.org/organizations/vols/e-notice/
Region 8 Gazette will soon be available and can be used to advertise conferences. A digest consisting of all conference adverts will be sent to all Region 8 members once a month. The digest will be succulently prepared and capture concise information, with more information available via various conference web-links. The digest will be coordinated by the CoCSC chair.

Industry Activities
- Industry Track & Exhibition at major R8 conferences,
- Industry Track Co-Chairman in major R8 conferences,
- Industry Track has to be included into CFP, and
- One keynote speaker from industry.

Rules in R8 Conference Sponsorship and Technical Co-Sponsorship
Requirements and standard Application Forms are available. Non-IEEE conferences are charged a general administrative fee of US $300.00 for R8 Technical Co-Sponsorship. New templates for financial and technical co-sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding are available here:
http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/organizers/mou.html#sect2

Present and Future R8 Conferences
EUROCON 2011, was held in Lisbon, Portugal, on 27-29 April 2011. The conference had around 340 attendees. More information is available here:
www.eurocon2011.it.pt/
Congratulations!

AFRICON 2011 will be held on 13-15 September, 2011 in Livingstone, Zambia. Livingstone is also the host to the majestic Victoria Falls (Zambian side), however Victoria Falls (which is the name of an airport location on the side of Zimbabwe, another country; attendees are requested to ensure Livingstone airport as a point of entry for a primary activity relating to partaking at Africon 2011). More information is available here: http://www.africon2011.org/

MELECON 2012 will be held on 25-28 March 2012 in Tunis, Tunisia
SIBIRCON 2012 will be held on August, 2012 in Russia
EUROCON 2013 will be held on 2-5 July 2013 in Zagreb, Croatia

ENERGYCON 2012 will be held on May 17-20, 2012 in Firenze, Italy
HISTELCON 2012 will be held in November in Pavia, Italy

Looking for candidates to organize:
MELECON 2014
ENERGYCON 2014
HISTELCON 2014
EUROCON 2015

Technically Co-sponsored R8 Conferences
Technical co-sponsorship is doing well and the sub-committee will try to attract more conferences during 2011. The current statistics are:

- 17 MoUs signed in 2010.
- 17 MoUs signed till June 2011.

AFRICON 2013
The subcommittee has reviewed the bids received and is recommending that AFRICON 2013 is hosted by the Mauritius Sub-Section with further support from the South Africa Section.

Conference bid templates
Following the meeting in London the subcommittee has developed templates for bidders of the flagship IEEE Region 8 conferences. These include the document highlighting the contents of the bid that was approved by the Region 8 Committee in London, a template for the budget information, and a template for the presentation of the bid. The information is available via the IEEE Region 8 website.

POCO 2011
The subcommittee Chair will be attending POCO 2011 in Beijing, China. He will report to the subcommittee the experience gained from the best practices in IEEE conferences. Furthermore, he will deliver a 15 min presentation on the value of organizing conferences in Region 8.

Section's Congress
Saurabh Sinha, Region 8 Vice-Chair for Technical Activities (TA), will deliver a talk during a joint breakaway of MGA and TAB on best practices relating to conferences. All region 8 delegates, if available and interested in this topic, are invited.