IEEE GOLD Committee Report July 2011

Officers

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GOLD Committee is focusing on its continuous involvement in increasing the GOLD visibility and is continuing to have a tremendous momentum on Region 8 activities. We:

- Support and energize the GOLD Affinity Groups in Region 8;
- Create new Affinity Groups and Revive dormant ones;
- Launch the first official edition of the Region 8 GOLD Book;
- Continue with the Student Transition & Elevation Partnership (STEP) program;
- Promote and raise awareness of the Humanitarian workshop program;
- Motivate more GOLDies to stay, join and be active in IEEE;
- Organize regular online meetings with GOLD Chairs in Region 8;
- Announced the Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award for 2011;
- Develop cross-activities with other committees in Region 8;
- Contribute to GOLDRush and R8News;
- Keep an updated website;
- Are Social Networks present.

Membership

GOLD members are identified by their first university degree. Thus GOLD includes Graduate Student Members, Members, and Senior Members.

As of July 3rd 2011, Region 8 has 11,631 active GOLD-flagged members compared to 9,202 by February 28th 2011, which represents a significant increase of 26.4%.

As for Arrears, a light decrease of 4.1% has been registered. The number of arrears went from 5,270 in February 28th, to 5,053 in July 3rd.
### Membership

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<th>April 17th 2010</th>
<th>September 29th 2010</th>
<th>February 28th 2011</th>
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<td>Active</td>
<td>8,795</td>
<td>12,617</td>
<td>9,202</td>
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<td>Arrears</td>
<td>4,343</td>
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### Meetings

- Regular online meetings with the GOLD committee members and the Region 8 VC - MA
- Regular meetings with IEEE Day Team, lead by the Region 8 GOLD committee.
- First online meeting with Region 8 GOLD Chairs – February 23, 2011
- Second online meeting with Region 8 GOLD Chairs – February 25, 2011
- Third online meeting with Region 8 GOLD Chairs – May 10, 2011

### Region 8 GOLD Committee Activities

- Regular online meetings with the committee members and the Region 8 VC – MA
- Regular online meeting with the Region 8 GOLD Affinity Groups Chairs
- Close coordination and support to the Affinity Groups
- The Region 8 GOLD Committee is leading the IEEE Day 2011 organization, in coordination with MGA
- GOLD Book is ready – it will be distributed at the Region 8 meeting – San Francisco
- The Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award for 2011 is announced. The Winner is Egypt GOLD
- The new Region 8 GOLD website is being updated
- Continued contributions to R8News and GOLDRush
- The Committee members will attend the GOLD Meeting, the GOLD Summit, the Region 8 and the Sections Congress, August 17– 22 – San Francisco, United States
- The Region 8 GOLD Committee will be present at the UKRI SBC, September 3-4 - London, United Kingdom
- The Region 8 GOLD Committee will be present at the Egyptian Engineering Day, September 6-7 - Cairo, Egypt
- Coordination of the MGA assistance funding for the Sections Congress in the Region 8
- Coordination of the STEP session organization at the IEEE Region 8 & Turkey Presidents, February 10 - Istanbul, Turkey
- Coordination of the STEP session organization at ME-SBC, March 15-18 - Doha, Qatar
- Reviving inactive Affinity Groups:
• Morocco – Chair Imade Benelallam (imade.benelallam@ieee.org)
• Jordan – Chair Mohammad Salah (msalah@hu.edu.jo)
• Support the establishment of new GOLD Affinity Groups:
  • Sweden – Chair Amir Zahoor (amir.zahoor@ieee.org)
  • Switzerland – Chair Mihai Prundaru (mihai.prundaru@ieee.org)

IEEE Region 8 GOLD Social Network Pages
• http://www.facebook.com/r8gold
• http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3762315
• http://twitter.com/r8gold

Activities organized all over Region 8 GOLD Affinity Groups - 2011
• The Graduate Forum, February 20, 2011 – Dubai, UAE
  http://www.ieeegcc.org/gcc/graduate-forum.html
• STEP Event, March 2011 – Fez, Morocco
• IEEE Leadership Workshop, May 14 – Stockholm, Sweden
• First Lego League Competition, Egypt www.fllegypt.org
• Made in Egypt Competition, Egypt www.ieegoldegypt.org/MIE
• Summer School of Innovation, July 19-23, Sousse, Tunisia http://sci2011.ieee-enis.org/
• ISaCoNaS Summer School, July 25-30, Italy http://isaconas-workshop.uniroma2.it
• Get-Together Event, July 28 - Cap Town, South Africa
  http://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/meeting_view/list_meeting/7611
• IEEE GOLD Lebanon STEP Event, July 25 Beirut, Lebanon
• The 10th Edition of the Egyptian Engineering Day, September 6-7 - Cairo, Egypt
  www.eed2011.org

Awards - 2011
• IEEE GOLD Affinity Group Hall of the Fame Award: Finland GOLD AG
• Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award: Egypt GOLD AG

MGA assistance funding for the Section Congress:
• South Africa Northern Region GOLD Affinity Group Chair
• Sweden GOLD Affinity Group Chair
• Tunisia GOLD Affinity Group Chair

Best practices
• GOLD Affinity Group chairs support formation of GOLD Affinity Groups in neighbouring sections
• GOLD members lectures at student branches
• GOLD Affinity Groups Chairs knowledge and experience exchange thanks to regular Skype meetings

**Recommendations to Section Chairs:**

• Identify good young volunteers, get them involved and train them to take on positions within the IEEE.
• Involve GOLD members in Section work, such as recruiting new members, reaching out to younger members, etc.
• Nominate local GOLD Affinity Group for regional and global Awards
• Organize the STEP program as a means to retain members and foster membership development
• Organize Humanitarian Workshop
• Organize joint activities with Students
• Be web present and raise the Affinity Group visibility locally and globally
• Encourage local GOLD Affinity Group to take part of regular Region 8 online meetings for GOLD Chairs and to share experience and events via Region 8 GOLD Social Networks pages

**Topics to be discussed in San Francisco:**

• IEEE Day meeting with the team members
• After-summer Online Meetings with GOLD Chairs
• Region 8 GOLD website status: Content and limited edit rights
• GOLD Membership Development
• Contact Chairs of Sections with no Affinity Groups to establish new ones
• Contact Chairs of Sections with Dormant GOLD Affinity Groups
• Discuss potential cross-activities with Region 8 committees and subcommittees