IEEE GOLD Committee Report July 2011

Officers	**Election Date:**	**Term End Date:**
• Salima Kaissi (Chair)	01/01/2011	31/12/2011
• Joao Carlos Prazeres Figueiras (Past Chair)	01/01/2011	31/12/2011
• Nele Reynders	01/01/2011	31/12/2011
• Ahmed Gamal	01/01/2011	31/12/2011
• Rafal Sliz	01/01/2011	31/12/2011

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	April 17th 2010	September 29th 2010	February 28th 2011	July 3rd 2011
Active	8,795	12,617	9,202	11,631
Arrears	4,343	4,839	5,270	5,053

GOLD Members 2010 - 2011

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.ieeegoldegypt.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 Francesco:

- 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