

IEEE Region 8 Director's Report

New Region 8 Bylaws and Operations Manual, adopted by the Region 8 Committee in October 2010, were approved by the MGA Board and became effective in November 2010.

The IEEE Region 8 Committee consists of IEEE Region 8 Section representatives, Operating Committee and Appointed Members. In the IEEE Region 8 Committee, Sections are represented by their Chairs. Section Chairs may appoint an alternate representative to the Region 8 Committee. The most recent list of Region 8 Sections and their representatives to the Region 8 Committee may be found on the Region 8 website (www.ieee.org/r8).

The composition of the Region 8 Committee and its subcommittees are listed here:

Operating Committee (OpCom)

- Director: Marko Delimar (Croatia)
- Director-Elect: Martin Bastiaans (Benelux)
- Past-Director: Józef Modelski (Poland)
- Secretary: Costas Stasopoulos (Cyprus)
- Treasurer: Brian Harrington (UKRI)
- Vice-Chair, Member Activities: Ali El-Mousa (Jordan)
- Vice-Chair, Student Activities: Elias Nassar (Lebanon)
- Vice-Chair, Technical Activities: Saurabh Sinha (South Africa)

Appointed members

- Awards & Recognition: Charles Turner (UKRI)
- Chapter Coordinator: Daniel Pasquet (France)
- Conference Coordinator: Carl Debono (Malta)
- Educational Activities: Bakr Hassan (Saudi Arabia)
- GOLD Activities: Salima Kaissi (France)
- Industry Relations: Ghaleb Dandan (Saudi Arabia)
- Membership Development: Dirk Van Hertem (Sweden)
- Professional Activities: Matej Zajc (Slovenia)
- Region 8 News: Roland Saam, Zhijia Huang (UKRI)
- Sections Congress Coordinator: Pilar Molina Gaudó (Spain)
- Standards Coordinator: David Law (UKRI)
- Student Representative: Jorge Soares (Portugal)

Ad-hoc members

- Electronic Communications: George Michael (Cyprus)
- Information Management: Diogo Mónica (Portugal)
- Jubilee Book Coordinator: Kurt Richter (Austria)
- Life Members: Aleksandar Szabo (Croatia)
- Publications Coordinator: Stefano Zanero (Italy)
- Technical Committees Liaison: Vladimir Katić (Serbia & Montenegro)
- Voluntary Contribution Fund: Vlatko Stoilkov (Rep. of Macedonia)
- Women in Engineering: Barbara Obryk (Poland)

Sub-committees

Awards & Recognition Subcommittee

- Charles Turner (UKRI) - Chair
- Victor Fouad Hanna (France) - Past Chair
- Martin Bastiaans (Benelux)
- Samir Shaheen (Egypt)
- Maciej Ogorzalek (Poland)
- Jef Beerten (Benelux) - Student Awards and Contests Coordinator

Chapter Coordination Subcommittee

- Daniel Pasquet (France) – Chair
- Bill Hayes (BT002)
- Christopher James (EMB018)
- Elizabeth Burd (COM019)
- Ezendu Ariwa (CE008)
- Fang Xu (SMC028)
- Fernando Velez (VT006)
- Frank Sabath (EMC027)
- Frank Schwierz (E025)
- Hazel Sales (PC026)
- Ian White (PHO036)
- Jan Machac (MTT017)
- Manuel Castro (E025)
- Meliha Selak (PE031)
- Mihaela Albu (IM009)
- Muhammad Mustafa (Student Chapters)
- Paul Lewin (DEI032)
- Péter Magyar (IA034)
- Rakesh Kumar (SSC037)
- Robin Bloomfield (RL007)
- Sergio Pignari (EMC027)
- Simonetta Turtu (Supercond. Council)
- Steven Freear (UFFC020)

Conference Coordination Subcommittee

- Carl James Debono (Malta) - Chair
- Karl Gudmundsson (Iceland)
- Gerhard Hancke (South Africa)

Educational Activities Subcommittee

- Bakr Hassan (Saudi Arabia) - Chair
- Eva Lang (Germany) - Pre-university activities
- Fotini-Niovi Pavlidou (Greece) - Continuing education

GOLD Subcommittee

- Salima Kaissi (France) - Chair
- Nele Reynders (Benelux)
- Rafal Sliz (Finland)

Industry Relations Subcommittee

- Ghaleb Al-Dandan (Saudi Arabia) - Chair
- João Figueiras (Portugal)

Membership Development Subcommittee

- Dirk Van Hertem (Benelux) - Chair
- Aleksandar Szabo (Croatia) - Life Members
- Adam K. Jastrzebski (UKRI)

Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee

- Józef Modelski (Poland) - Chair
- Marko Delimar (Croatia) - ex-officio
- Martin Bastiaans (Benelux) - ex-officio
- Terje Gjengedal (Norway) - elected
- Samir Shaheen (Egypt) - elected
- (additional member to be elected in March)

Professional Activities Subcommittee

- Matej Zajc (Slovenia) - Chair
- Emilio Corchado (Spain)
- Jan Haase (Austria)
- Urmet Janes (Estonia)
- Han Van Loon (Switzerland)

Strategic Planning Subcommittee

- Józef Modelski (Poland) - Chair
- Pilar Molina Gaudó (Spain)
- Tony Davies (UKRI)

Student Activities Subcommittee

- Elias Nassar (Lebanon) - Chair
- Jorge Soares (Portugal) - Student Representative
- Eva Lang (Germany) - Past Chair
- Đorđe Paunović (Serbia & Montenegro) - Student Paper Contest Coordinator
- Muhammad Mustafa (Jordan) - Student Branch Coordinator
- Jef Beerten (Benelux) - Awards and Contests Coordinator
- Hossam Fahmy (Egypt) - Webmaster

A Short History of Region 8

The following IRE Sections were formed on Region 8 territory before the Region was established: Israel (1954), Egypt (1955), BeNeLux (1959), Italy (1959), Switzerland (1960), France (1961), UK & Rep. of Ireland (1962).

In 1962, IRE established "IRE Region 9" on the territory of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The first director was Dr. Herre Rinia from the BeNeLux Section.

After the IRE/AIEE merger, the region was renamed "IEEE Region 8", Dr. Rinia continued as Director. In 1981 the rest of Africa was added to Region 8.

Vision and Mission of the Region 8 Committee

Vision: Region 8 is an effectively organized, dynamic and influential entity, recognized as a leading and esteemed part of a truly transnational IEEE, with IEEE benefits equally available to all members.

Mission: To serve the needs of the members of the Institute, the profession and society at large, by enhancing and supporting the IEEE's Organizational Units and their activities within Region 8.

Key Steps to realise the Mission:

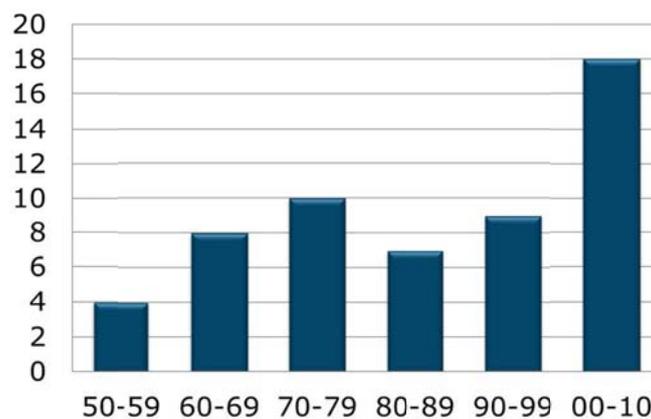
- Provide a platform for coordination, motivation and interaction among R8 units
- Provide a link between the Region and other IEEE organizational units
- Work to achieve smooth and effective operations in different countries
- Recognizing cultural differences, and effectively cooperating with national societies and other organizations
- Expand IEEE presence and activities to new areas (geographic locations) in R8
- Promote the transnational nature of IEEE within the Region and the Institute

R8 Committee:

- Conducts two annual meetings of the Region leadership
 - Used for coordination of the Region business and for training
- Supports the activities of the local geographical units
- Coordinates meetings for technical and professional purposes throughout the Region
 - Including student events
- Coordinates activities between R8 entities and OUs from outside the Region
- Engages in member development

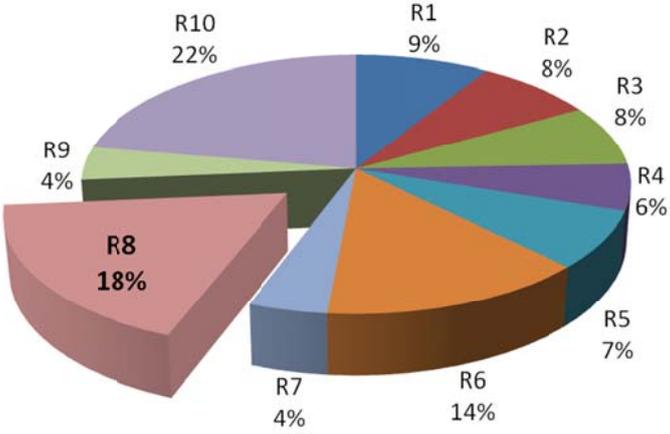
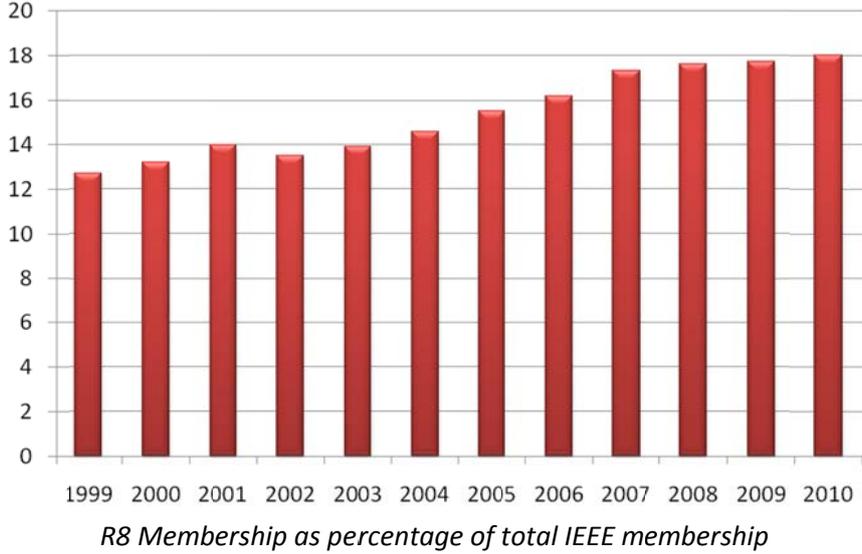
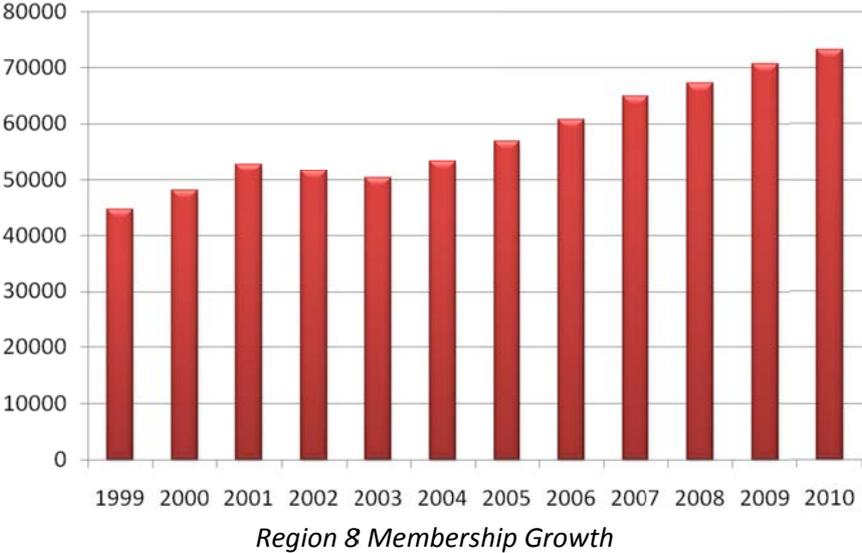
Organisational Units

- 56 Sections (a few new ones "in formation")
- 6 Subsections (2 outside Sections)
- 495 Society Chapters
- 57 Affinity Groups
- 342 Student Branches
- 69 Student Branch Chapters
- 40 Student Branch Affinity Groups

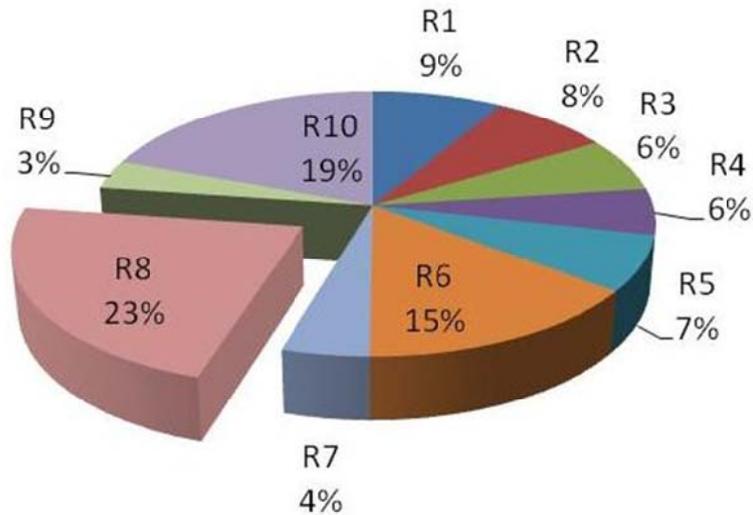


Rate of Section Formation

Key Facts and Figures



Percent of total IEEE Membership by Region (31 December 2010)



IEEE Society Membership Distribution (31 December 2010, HGM)

An Abbreviated SWOT Analysis

	GOOD	BAD
INTERNAL	<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong and dedicated volunteer corps Volunteer leadership development and succession planning A large number of active and vibrant organizational units Diversity of Members and Sections Tradition of exchange of ideas and best practices Established infrastructure for Region's activities, including conducting conferences, workshops, and student activities 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size of the Region is incongruous with the resources available for its administration IEEE market share in key areas is low There are significant areas within the Region where IEEE visibility is very low The disparity between different Sections in the Region does not support some "one size fits all" practices of IEEE The operations of the Region are not optimized to take advantage of available cooperation and funding opportunities
EXTERNAL	<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with local associations, governmental/intergovernmental organizations, and educational institutions Cooperation with EU institutions, especially in the areas of Standards, Education and Accreditation Member recruiting drives Development of new IEEE OUs <i>This activity would require area-specific activities and creative solutions; traditional methods are unlikely to bring progress</i> Redesign of conference activity in R8 <i>Toward IEEE-owned conferences and surplus generating conferences for R8</i> Accreditation opportunities (e.g., GCC) 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of members to aggressive recruiting by other local and global associations Expanded activities of commercial publishers and conference providers in IEEE Fields of Interest in the Region Perception of IEEE as "US-centric"

The Region 8 Logo Competition

125 logos were submitted to the IEEE Region logo competition. Diogo Mónica was the competition coordinator. The selection was performed in three phases. Martin Bastiaans, Saurabh Sinha, Eva Lang, Jorge Soares and Marko Delimar were judges in Phase 1. The members of the Region 8 OpCom served as judges in Phase 2. Barbara Obryk, Salima Kaissi and Pilar Molina Gaudó were added to the judges from Phase 1 and 2 for the final judging phase. The winning logo was designed by Steven Van Vaerenbergh and is shown here:



The logo will be presented to the Region committee during the March meeting in London. The Region 8 Committee may decide to select the winning logo as the official Region 8 logo.

Region 8 Website

Region 8 website is currently undergoing a major reconstruction.

2010/2011 Events and Activities

Please see Past-Director's Report

Closing Remarks

The full report will be presented during the Region 8 Committee meeting in London on 26 March 2011. Please download the presentation from the Region 8 website.

Zagreb, 7 March 2011



Marko Delimar

2011-2012 IEEE Region 8 Director

