PAST DIRECTOR’S REPORT


1. IEEE Milestone - Branly (the first person to use the idea of the coherer);
   23 September, Paris, organized by France Section
   Plaque was unveiled on the front wall of the building of the Institut Catholique de Paris.R8 Director gave addresses on behalf of 2010 IEEE President Pedro Ray as well as R8 OpCom;
   well-organized and attended event with many key volunteers from France Section, also 1965-1966 R8 Director Jean Lebel.

2. IEEE Milestone - Crypto (Invention of Public Key Cryptography, 1969-1975);
   4-5 October, Cheltenham, organized by UK&RI Section
   Milestone plaque was unveiled at GCHQ (important U.K. government national security installation) and second ceremony took place at Pittville Pump Rooms in Cheltenham - IEEE 100th Milestone Award was granted to the three men who developed a symmetric key cryptography system. R8 OpCom was represented by Brian Harrington – R8 Secretary.

3. Fall R8 Committee Meeting, 8-10 October, Prague;
   Interactive format, well attended by IEEE HQ Officers; new Region 8 Bylaws and R8 Operations Manual were approved; 2011-12 R8 Secretary and Treasurer, 2011 R8 Vice Chairs and 2 members of the 2011-12 R8 N&A Committee were elected.

4. HistelCon 2010, IEEE Conference on the History of Telecommunications,
   3-5 November, Madrid, organized by Spain Section;
   Excellent example of very effective cooperation between IEEE Section, national association (AEIT) and leading telecommunication company (Telefonica).

5. IEEE Smart Grid World Forum, 2-3 December, Brussels, Belgium;
   Organized by IEEE HQ with strong involvement of the 2010 R8 Director Elect and Benelux Section.

   18-22 December, Manama, Bahrain, organized by Saudi Arabia (East) Section;
   New R8 conference; innovative technologies related to the Oil & Gas as well as alternative energy industries were presented; strong involvement of Aramco Company, a very successful event with over 1000 attendees, congratulations to initiators and organizers: Nabil Al-Dabal, Ghaleb Al-Dandan, Rami Al-Mushcab.

II. Transition between 2010 and 2011 OpComs and Subcommittees

1. Smooth transformation, good cooperation between outgoing and incoming R8 teams.
   New teams. 2011 Subcommittees:
   - wide geographic and professional representation
   - majority from academia, but with a significant share of industry representatives
   - good balance between younger and older members (new devoted and promising Officers)

2. Sub-Committees under responsibility of Past Director (appointments)
   - Awards&Recognitions: Charles Turner (UKRI) – Chair, Victor Fouad Hanna (France),
     Martin Bastiaans (Benelux), Samir Shaheen (Egypt), Maciej Ogorzalek (Poland),
     Jef Beerten (Benelux)
   - Strategic Planning: Jozef Modelski (Poland) – Chair, Pilar Molina Gaudio (Spain), Tony Davies (UKRI)

III. Meetings and activities on the BoD level (16 Sept. 2010 – 5 March 2010)

1. Reports/addresses presented during the events mentioned in part I (events 1,3,4,6)

2. MGA Operations Committee Meeting, 24-26 Sept, Jersey City, USA (MGA Finance Committee issues)

3. Board of Directors Retreat – 4 Oct. 2010, Hoboken, USA;
   Leading topic of discussion – Board of Directors new structure (supported by the majority)
4. Public Visibility Committee (teleconferences)
5. TAB Structure Committee (teleconferences)
   - Board Transformation – motion failed
   - Election of new VPs, Treasurer and Secretary – two R8 volunteers were elected:
     Roger Pollard (2011 Secretary) and Tariq Durrani (2011 VP EA)
   Governance Committee Meeting – preparation of documents for 2011 February Meeting Series
   Summary of 2010 activities, discussion of 2011 initiatives, preparation for the Spring R8 Committee Meeting in London
   2011 MGA Representative to TAB, presentation of Technical Chapters during Society Presidents Forum
10. Member of 2011 IEEE Committees/Boards
    a) MGA Representative to TAB
    b) Governance Committee
    c) Public Visibility Committee
    d) TAB Structure Committee (AdHoc)

IV. Region 8 highlights of 2009-2010 term

✓ Creation of friendly and productive atmosphere in the Region
✓ Continuously growing membership and number of all units
✓ Stronger representation of R8 in IEEE HQ (Boards and Committees)
✓ Region 8 new Bylaws and Operational Manual
✓ Successful R8 flagship conferences and SBCs (particularly SBC 2010 in Leuven)
✓ IEEE Milestones – eight events, record number in the R8 history
✓ Record number of new Fellows in Region 8 (in 2009 - 54, in 2010 - 73)
✓ IEEE125th Anniversary Celebrations – main in Munich and London, over 20 local ones
✓ 50th Anniversaries of Sections - Benelux (2009), Italy (2009), Switzerland (2010)
✓ Productive R8 Committee Meetings – interactive format

Short summary was presented during Winter OpCom Meeting in Vienna link

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Warsaw,5 March 2011
2009-2010 Region 8 Director