PAST DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I. *Overview of the 2009-2010 R8 Highlights (16 Sept. 2010 – 31 Dec. 2010)*

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.

6. **EnergyCon 2010,** *IEEE International Energy Conference & Exhibition*
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 Gaudo (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)

6. IEEE November Meeting Series – 17-21 Nov. 2010, New Brunswick, USA;
   - 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)

7. January Mini Meeting Series – 8-9 Jan. 2011, San Juan;
   Governance Committee Meeting – preparation of documents for 2011 February Meeting Series

8. R8 OpCom Meeting – 22-23 Jan. 2011, Vienna;
   Summary of 2010 activities, discussion of 2011 initiatives, preparation for the Spring R8 Committee Meeting in London

9. IEEE February Meeting Series – 17-20 Feb. 2011, Miami;
   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*