



IEEE GOLD Committee Report February 2011

<u>Officers:</u>	<u>Election Date:</u>	<u>Term End Date:</u>
• 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 will focus on its continuous involvement in increasing the GOLD visibility and will continue to have a tremendous momentum on Region 8 activities. We will:

- Support and energize the GOLD Affinity Groups (AGs) in R8;
- Create new Affinity Groups and Revive dormant ones;
- Launch the first official edition of the R8 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 R8;
- Launch the Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award for 2011;
- Develop cross-activities with other committees in R8;
- Contribute to GOLDRush and R8News;
- Keep an updated website;
- Be 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 February 28th, 2011 Region 8 has 9,202 active GOLD-flagged members and 5,270 arrears. Equal Period in 2010, as of April 17th, 2010, Region 8 had 8,795 active GOLD-flagged members and 4,343 arrears. The number of GOLD-flagged members in the first semester has increased during 2011 compared to the same period of 2010. The number of arrears has increased as well.

R8 GOLD membership	February 28th 2011	September 29th 2010	April 17th 2010
Active	9,202	12,617	8,795
Arrears	5,270	4,839	4,343
Inactive	17,516	-	-
Applicant	8,547	-	-
Non Applicant	72	-	-
Resigned	71	-	-

GOLD Members 2010 - 2011**Meetings:**

- First Online committee meeting – January 11, 2011
- Second Online committee meeting – January 25, 2011
- Third Online committee meeting – February 25, 2011
- First Online meeting through Skype with R8 GOLD Chairs – February 23, 2011
- Second Online meeting through Skype with R8 GOLD Chairs – February 25, 2011

Past Activities:

- First Online committee meeting through Skype – January 11, 2011, concerning:
 - 2011 Plan
 - Tasks, roles and deadlines
- Second committee Online meeting through Skype – January 25, 2011, concerning:
 - Status of all the ongoing activities
- Third Online committee meeting through Skype – February 25, 2011, concerning:
 - R8 GOLD Book
- First Online meeting through Skype with R8 GOLD Chairs – February 23, 2011, concerning:
 - R8 GOLD activities in Europe
- Second Online meeting through Skype with R8 GOLD Chairs – February 25, 2011, concerning:
 - R8 GOLD activities in Africa and Middle East
- Reviving inactive Affinity Groups:
 - Morocco – Chair Imade benelallam (imade.benelallam@ieee.org)

- Sweden – Chair Amir Zahoor (amir.zahoor@ieee.org)
- IEEE R8 GOLD Social Network Pages:
 - <http://www.facebook.com/r8gold>
 - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3762315>
 - <http://twitter.com/r8gold>
- STEP program:
 - February 10, 2011 - STEP Session in the IEEE Region 8 & Turkey Presidents – Istanbul, Turkey
- Technical, Professional and Social activities organized all over R8 GOLD AGs
 - One of the most important: the Graduate Forum by GOLD UAE AG, Held in Dubai, February 20, 2011, <http://www.ieeegcc.org/gcc/graduate-forum.html>
- Website has been updated
- Continued contributions to R8News and GOLDRush

Activities in the near future:

- GOLD Session:
 - March 16- 2011 – ME-SBC, Doha, Qatar
- GOLD Meeting:
 - March, 25 – 27, 2011, Region 8 meeting, London, United Kingdom
- Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award for 2011:
 - March 14, 2011 – Call for nominations
- Preparing GOLD recommendations for Sections Congress 2011
- Continued contributions to R8News and GOLDRush
- STEP:
 - Croatia, March 2011
 - Morocco, May 2011
- 2 Days GOLD Workshop
 - Iraq, April 2011
- Working on establishment of new GOLD AGs
 - Qatar during ME-SBC
 - Contact of all Sections Chairs with no GOLD AG
- Working on reactivating dormant GOLD AGs
 - Benelux
 - Jordan
 - Russia
 - Switzerland

Best practices:

- GOLD Affinity Group chairs to support formation of GOLD AGs in neighbouring sections
- GOLD members to lecture 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.
- Organize the STEP program as a mean of retain members and foster membership development
- Organize Humanitarian workshops
- Organize a joint activities with Students
- Be web present and raise AG visibility locally
- Encourage local GOLD AG to take part of regular R8 online meetings for GOLD Chairs and to share experience and events via R8 GOLD Social Networks pages

Topics to be discussed in London:

Points to discuss are:

- Recommendations for Sections Congress 2011
- Foster Humanitarian workshop organization in R8
- Foster STEP events organization in R8
- GOLD Membership Development
- R8 GOLD website status and limited edit rights
- Define a strategy to activate dormant AGs and establishing new ones
- Discuss potential cross-activities with R8 committees and subcommittees