

IEEE Region 8 News Report 2010

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Introduction

IEEE Region 8 News is published and printed quarterly by the Region 8 committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and distributed free with IEEE Spectrum to more than 70,000 IEEE members. It is produced by volunteers - the Editors and articles are written by members from all over our region.

The Editors:

Roland J. Saam (UK&RI Section)

Zhijia Huang (UK&RI Section)

Issues in 2010

In 2010, we produced four issues of IEEE Region 8 News in March, June, September and December 2010. Each issue is full colour, twelve pages. The news articles are sent in by Region 8 members and sorted in four major categories: region news, section news, GOLD news and student news. We also started to invite members to contribute to the featured news, i.e. Roger Pollard's serial of featured articles.

1- March issue: We had 38 articles where we reported the engineering projects in community services in South Africa and report on activities in 2009 from Region 8 Director by then Jozef Modelski. We also had reported awards, conferences, workshops in the region, different section's 125th celebration events, student news and Roger Pollard's first of a serial of feature articles with the theme "One IEEE".

2- June issue: We had 33 articles. We advertised the R8 Student Branch and GOLD congress 2010 in the front page and also included Larry K Wilson award won by Martin Bastiaans. We also had students from Imperial college London that won the 2009 Outstanding Student Humanitarian Prize and called for more participation in IEEE President's Change the World Award and Humanitarian Technology Challenge.

3 - September issue: We had 34 articles. Front page articles on Melecon, the R8 sponsored conference and IEEE Day celebration announcement. We also had a good number of WIE news and nice photo and report again from R8 Student Activities Committee as they continue to contribute the Region 8 news every issue led by Eva Lang with good number of student news.

4- December issue: We had 27 articles and conference advertisement. We had three IEEE Milestone reports: on Public key cryptography at GCHQ; the Star of Laufenburg Swiss-based

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high-voltage link; and the Branly Effect at Institute Catholique de Paris. We also had the Student Branch Cook Book part 2 from R8 SAC, the great report on SBC2010 in Leuven.

Plan for 2011 & Budget

We are looking forward for our incremental improvement to keep the Region 8 News the best news letter in IEEE. To do this, we need to contribution to the news letter and your help to report what are the members doing in your section, university, chapter, etc. We also encourage members to send in articles regarding their view point on IEEE activities in the region and suggestion to other members.

1 - From the March 2011 issue which you might have received, we have decided to leave out the "Conference Calendar" Section. On one hand, the detail of every IEEE conference can be found on the IEEE website and can be sorted by Region and date. On the other hand, we would like to have more space to include more voices and photos from you.

2 – From the June 2011 issue, we are going to roll out a new style for the news letter. It will change the style and layout that has been with us since 2005. We hope this will inspire more members to enjoy and contribute to it.

3- As the members' number in the Region has increased, we are looking at a slight increase in the budget for printing the issue. We are fortunate that our costs are very low because production and distribution is done by Piscataway where we fit into the manufacturing and mailing cost pattern of IEEE Spectrum. So we have to observe Spectrum's deadlines. Total costs to members is less than USD 2. Per member per year for four issues printed and delivered to individual members by mail.

Zhijia Huang and Roland Saam, March 2011

Comment [zhijia2]: Roland, might need you to give more insight into the budget for 2011.