

IEEE Region 8 Financial Review

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Overview:

This interim review of IEEE Region 8 finances for the period to August 2010 suggests a mixed set of experiences and results.

The two principal meetings supported by Region 8 in the first half of 2010; the large Region 8 Committee Meeting held in Riga, Latvia and the Region 8 Student Branch Congress held in Leuven, Belgium, both remained essentially within Budget. Our thanks are due to the Reval Hotel Latvija for extending a number of finance concessions to us for our meeting there.

The part recovery of \$87,043:56 experienced in 2009 by the Long Term Investment Fund held by Region 8 has so far in 2010 not been sustained. These investment values have fallen back by some \$11,880:92 at this point in the year. The weakness of the Global economy still affects us.

An ongoing concern is raised with IEEE regarding our weak Assessment Income performance in 2010 compared with previous years. A study is continuing to better understand the Assessment figures and the Membership data that drives Assessment income.

Income:

As at August 31st the income to the Region was \$361,581:51. The short-fall of \$26,254:93 is mainly explained by a reduced funding from the IEEE Foundations. Such funding during the years 2007 to 2009 was received to support the ISBIR (Students and Industry) project, which has now been completed.

The short-fall shown for Regional Assessment is of the greatest concern since this is a function of membership development. It also accounts for some 55.48% of the Region's income. This short-fall is not consistent with previous years' results and the trend is being closely monitored.

Performance to end of August 2010 (USD)

Receipts	Actual (2010)	Ratio	Prior Year (2009)	Variance
Received from Individuals	2,806.40	0.78	2,098.15	708.25
Received from Foundations	1,872.86	0.52	43,166.29	-41,293.43
Meetings and Social Events	-	-	4,220.00	-4,220.00
Student Activities	-	-	-	-
Rebate from IEEE HQ	151,800.00	41.98	98,273.00	53,527.00
Regional Assessment	200,587.60	55.48	212,748.44	-12,160.84
Sections' Congress Receipts	-	-	2,338.17	-2,338.17
Receipts from MGA and Major Boards	-	-	2,000.00	-2,000.00
IEEE HQ and Societies	4,190.51	1.16	19,285.95	-15,095.44
Interest	324.14	0.09	949.85	-625.71
Other Receipts	-	-	2,756.59	-2,756.59
	361,581.51	100.00	387,836.44	-26,254.93

The position on the Region Rebate from MGA has been restored from the last year; although there is no indication at this time that SSVR (Support to the Sections from the Region) may be restored.

Expenditures:

The expenditures to this point in the year include those for the Riga Committee meeting and for the Student Branch Congress. Also included is advanced payments required for the Region 8 Committee Meeting in Prague.

The Student meeting in Leuven included a Professional Activity summit and this was financed directly from the Professional Activity budget. The key expense areas of 'Meetings and Social Events' and 'Travel' are both showing a reduced expenditure.

Our reduced expenditures of \$82,660:88 are helped by a shift in the strength of the USD relative to Region 8 currencies. This has given us at this point in the year a currency re-evaluation advantage of \$12,134:83. However, the bank interest received remains weak as is shown by the Income statement.

Summary of Expenditures to end of August 2010 (USD)

Expenditures	Actual (2010)	Ratio	Prior Year (2009)	Variance
Meetings and Social Events	123,750.32	34.22	173,233.57	-49,483.25
Publication Expenses	19,683.94	5.44	20,572.99	-889.05
Advertising - IEEE	-	-	886.68	-886.68
Conference Expenses	6,625.61	1.83	16,649.18	-10,023.57
Educational Activities	6,328.98	1.75	708.63	5,620.35
Professional Activities	14,777.14	4.09	3,650.47	11,126.67
Student Activities	99,650.03	27.56	96,555.21	3,094.82
Grants and Awards	8,346.40	2.31	10,755.37	-2,408.97
Other Programme Expenses	30,955.14	8.56	49,622.80	-18,667.66
Sections' Congress Expenses	-	-	4,454.80	-4,454.80
Travel	76,242.11	21.09	90,232.29	-13,990.18
Support to Sections/Chapters	13,093.13	3.62	5,817.39	7,275.74
Support to Regions	-	-	-	-
MGA/Major Board Expenses	10,140.67	2.80	7,758.40	2,382.27
IEEE HQ & General Expense	-	-	1,976.24	-1,976.24
Other Mgt. & General Exp.	30,688.51	8.49	27,934.00	2,754.51
Foreign Exchange gain/loss	-12,134.83	-3.36	0.01	-12,134.84
	428,147.15	118.41	510,808.03	-82,660.88
Gross Profit (Loss):	-66,565.64	-18.41%	-122,971.59	56,405.95

Summary:

- The income to Region 8 during the middle months of the year is much reduced and an over-expenditure such as the \$66,565:64 shown can then result for the Interim report. However, this is much improved from the \$122,971:59 or 31.71% reported last year. The concern remains for Region 8 of the dependence on Assessment Income and the absence of an alternative revenue stream.
- Although at this time the final position for the year 2010 is still uncertain all efforts will be made to continue the gradual improvement that is being seen in the Region 8 financial position. A budget will be proposed in Prague that encompasses Region 8 support for Committee attendance at Sections' Congress in San Francisco.