IEEE GOLD Committee Report September 2010

Officers:	**Election Date:**	**Term End Date:**
• Joao Carlos Prazeres Figueiras (Chair)	01/01/2009	31/12/2010
• Eva Lang (Past Chair)	01/01/2009	31/12/2010
• Salima Kaissi	01/01/2010	31/12/2010
• Nahel Muhammad Amirah	01/01/2009	31/12/2010

GOLD activities will continue to have a tremendous momentum on Region 8 activities. We will:

- Create, support and energize the GOLD Affinity Groups (AGs) in R8;
- Develop and strengthen the "IEEE Day" program in 2010 and initiate for 2011;
- Continue with the Student Transition & Elevation Partnership (STEP) program;
- Foster Humanitarian Activities in R8,
- Motivate more GOLDies to stay, join and be active in IEEE;
- Contribute to R8 GOLD Rush, R8 GOLD news
- Be web present,

Membership:

GOLD members are identified by their first university degree. Thus GOLD includes Graduate Student Members, Members, and Senior Members.

As of September 29th, 2010 Region 8 has **12,617 active** GOLD-flagged members and **4,839 arrears**. Equal period from 2009, Region 8 had **10,411 active** GOLD-flagged members and **3,150 arrears**. Previous semester as April 17th, 2010 Region 8 has **8,795 active** GOLD-flagged members and **4,343 arrears**. The number of GOLD-flagged members has increased during 2010 as well as the number of arrears.

Meetings:

Face-to-face meeting:

- May 7-9, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee meeting in Riga, Latvia
- May 22-23, 2010 – MGA GOLD meeting in New Jersey, USA
- August 4-8, 2010 – Student Branch and GOLD Congress, Leuven, Belgium
- October 9-10, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee meeting in Prague, Check Republic

Several online meetings were held through Skype, being both strategic planning of the committee members as well as a call including all Affinity Group Chairs around Region 8. Most of the meeting have been to define strategy and ongoing work related to the "IEEE Day".

Constant and continuous communication is kept active among GOLD AG chairs in Region 8 and also between GOLD AG chairs and Region 8 GOLD committee members.

Past Activities:

- Online meeting through Skype concerning:
  - GOLD AGs
  - IEEE Day
- R8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award:
  - Awarded to Prince Ibe, Nigeria GOLD AG chair
- New Affinity Groups in 2010:
  - Portugal – chair João Canas (joaoluiscanas@hotmail.com)
  - Kenya – chair Kelvin Sing'oei (kelkip2001@yahoo.com)
  - Tunisia – chair Ikram Moalla (ikram.moalla@ieee.org)
- IEEE Day (7&8 October):
  - Project winner of 2010 MGA challenge
  - Webpage established http://www.ieeeday.org/
  - Social networking established: http://www.facebook.com/IEEEDay, http://www.linkedin.com/e/-hpti07-gbxmew4w-6c/vgh/3240378/
  - Currently more than 50 events scheduled worldwide during IEEE Day
- STEP program:
  - October 7, 2010 – Lisbon, Portugal
  - October 7, 2010 – Cape Town, South Africa
  - October 7, 2010 – Beirut, Lebanon
  - June 15, 2010 – Zagreb, Croatia
  - March 26, 2010 - Nigeria
- Humanitarian Workshop:
  - Hagen, Germany, 28th August, 2010
  - http://ieeehtn.org/htn/home.php
- Student Branch and GOLD congress:
  - Held in London, 4-8 October 2010
  - Participation of nearly 30 delegates
- Technical, Professional and Social activities organized all over R8 GOLD AGs
- Website has been updated
- Continued contributions to R8News
  - Several contributions from several sections and region level

Activities in the near future:

- Face-to-face meeting:
  - October 9-10, 2010 – R8 GOLD meeting in Prague, Check Republic

- IEEE Day (7&8 October):
  - To happen on 7 and 8 October. Monitor and supervise events and social networks activity during those days
- STEP program:
  - October 7, 2010 – Lisbon, Portugal
  - October 7, 2010 – Cape Town, South Africa
  - October 7, 2010 – Beirut, Lebanon
- Start preparing GOLD Summit 2011
  - San Francisco, CA, USA
- Continued contributions to R8News

Best practices:

- GOLD Affinity Group chairs to support formation of GOLD AGs in neighbouring sections
- GOLD members to lecture at student branches
- GOLD as organizing entity for PA events in sections

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

Topics to be discussed in Prague:

Points to discuss are:

- IEEEDay
- Foster Humanitarian workshop organization in R8