<u>**R8 Industry Relations Sub-Committee.**</u>
Report on the S-C activities after the 94th Riga Committee Meeting

Most of the 2010 planned actions from the Industry Relations Sub-Committee are continuations of those started during the past year and needing to be brought to a more advanced stage or to completion. From the past experience it appears that the introduction of some changes to the present approach for the distribution of the tasks among the S-C members and more involvement of dedicated volunteers at Section level should yield better results in the future. To this purpose a R8 Section IROs Meeting might be helpful to an effective involvement and give the opportunity to discuss and present ways of collaboration.

- Before the starting of the R8 Committee Meeting in Riga, in the framework of a special TA Workshop, a joint TA/IR S-C & Standards meeting was held. The main topics and objectives were the presentation of the activities in progress for the 2010 Action Plan, their scope and accomplishments, followed by discussion and agreement on the planned activities approach and their updating and new actions to be possibly added.

The in-progress activities concerning the ENERGY and ICED Initiatives were presented and reported by the Champion (Ghaleb Dandan).

- The above Initiatives are being carried out by teams belonging to all the TA Sub-Committes, so realizing true transversal working groups of TA,contributing with the richness of multiple competences and experiences to the success of the Initiatives.

- The Energy Industry Collaboration Program (EICP) objective is to establish a strong collaboration between IEEE & the Energy Industries in view of more formalized partnership agreements. Energy Program Initiative has been successfully carried out for the last three years and presently with deep involvement from individuals and organizations over the whole R8 geographical area.

The Energy Initiative will exploit the promotional followups from the first IEEE Energy Conference and Exhibition, which will take place at the kingdom of Bahrain during December 18-22, 2010. The conference is organized by IEEE Region 8 and IEEE Saudi Arabia Section, under the Patronage of the Prime Minister of Bahrain.

- The Industry Continuing Education Development (ICED) objective is to provide R8 members with short training courses and seminars presented by top lecturers from industry on topics of great interest to R8 industry professional community. The need for this Initiative stems from the lack of industry lecturers involved in the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer (DL) Program which belongs to current IEEE technical societies, by taking into consideration that Industry members are require seminars providing practical industry solutions and experience.

The IL selection has been completed on the basis of well stated criteria and the support of a competent team, and the names and course topics of the candidates will be presented to the Section Chairs at the Prague Committee Meeting.

- The objective and the study approach for evaluating and proposing to IEEE NIC a new R8 Environment Initiative have been redefined with the new assigned Champion (Igor Gazdik). The purpose of this proposal is to assess and evaluate the potential of establishing Environment Initiative in R8 areas to focus on and develop implementation plans accordingly, to collaborate with R8 Environment Institutes,

promote environment awareness, support the parallel Energy initiative towards safer environment and attract more professionals from industry to join IEEE. This area of investigation appears to deserve high attention in R8 and study on selected topics on environment themes should be of interest to a large number of IEEE members.

Among the wide area of issues, the aspects of the investigation which appear to deserve particular interest to IEEE members are the legislature regulating the problem of energy utilization and toxic waste handling in the most industrialized countries of R8, and the practice of implementing the regulation in the field.

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