# **IEEE GOLD Committee Report April 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:

* Support and move the GOLD Affinity Groups (AGs),
* Edit R8 GOLD Newsletter / R8 Gazette,
* Be present in R8 News,
* Be web present,
* Continue with the Student Transition & Elevation Partnership (STEP) program proposed by MGA GOLD Committee,
* Motivate more GOLDies to stay, join and be active – MGA GOLD has pledged close interactivity with Membership Development, so we are right along the lines.

**Membership:**

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

As of April 17th, 2010 Region 8 has **8,795 active** GOLD-flagged members and **4,343 arrears**. Equal period from 2009, Region 8 had **5,185 active** GOLD-flagged members and **1,358 arrears**. Previous semester as September 18th, 2009 Region 8 has **10,411 active** GOLD-flagged members and **3,150 arrears**. The number of GOLD-flagged members has increased from 2009 to 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:

* February 9, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee strategic meeting
* February 23, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee activities brainstorm
* February 24, 2010 – Meeting will R8 GOLD AG chairs (9 officers were present)
* March 29, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee strategic meeting
* April 22, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee strategic meeting

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:
* February 9; March 29; April 22, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee strategic meeting
  + Strategic meeting for defining the plan for 2009
* February 23, 2010 – R8 GOLD committee activities brainstorm
* February 24, 2010 – Meeting will R8 GOLD AG chairs
  + 9 officers were present
* R8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award:
* Award launched on mid February; Submission closed on April 1, and currently under decision
* New Affinity Groups in 2010:
* Portugal – chair João Canas ([joaoluiscanas@hotmail.com](mailto:joaoluiscanas@hotmail.com))
* Kenya – chair Kelvin Sing'oei ([kelkip2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kelkip2001@yahoo.com))
* MGA challenge:
* R8 GOLD committee is participating (submission on April 16) of a proposal for the IEEEDay, a day to celebrate IEEE all together around the world.
* GOLD around the world (IEEE’s 125th anniversary celebration)
* Event closed on December 31, 2009
* Under finalization together with ieee.tv
* <http://www.goldaroundtheworld.com>
* STEP program:
* Croatia, 23rd September, 2009
* Germany 9th September, 2009
* Technical, Professional and Social activities organized all over R8 GOLD AGs
* Website has been updated
* Continued contributions to R8News
* Several contributions from several sections: France, Portugal, Greece, Benelux, Egypt

**Activities in the near future:**

* Face-to-face meeting:
* August 4-8, 2010 – Student Branch and GOLD congress in Leuven, Belgium
* May 22-23, 2010 – MGA GOLD meeting in New Jersey, USA
* October 9-10, 2010 – R8 GOLD meeting in Prague, Check Republic
* Development of the idea of IEEEDay
* Organize STEP program in other countries
* Humanitarian Technology Network in organization in Germany
* <http://ieeehtn.org/htn/home.php>
* GOLD around the world (IEEE’s 125th anniversary celebration)
* To be finalized
* Start preparing GOLD Summit 2011
* San Francisco, CA, USA
* Continued contributions to R8News
* GOLD groups in development/reactivation in
* Iraq

**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 Lisbon:**

Since it will be no subcommittee meeting in Riga, the discussion may not include all GOLD committee members. Nevertheless, points to discuss are:

* Foster STEP program in R8
* Foster Humanitarian workshop organization in R8
* Decision making on the Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award
* IEEEDay
* New activities of GOLD in R8.