Region 8 Student Activities

IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting

April 25-26, 2009

Venice, Italy

Team

- Eva Lang (Chair)
- Martin Bastiaans (Past Chair, SPC Co-ordinator)
- Pablo Herrero (Student Representative)
- Saurabh Sinha (Counsellor Programmeme)
- Amélie Anglade (Student Branch Coordination)
- Yasemin Baser (Awards & Contests)

SAC Vision

To provide undergraduate and graduate students who have an interest in the Electrical, Electronics and Computer engineering or related professions with **opportunities for educational, technical and professional development** emphasizing the value of continuing IEEE membership.

Statistics

March 29, 2009 (Feb 28, 2007):
 16 500 [8945 GSM, 7555 StM](19 685)
 in **303** (258) Student Branches

14 new Student Branches

2 new Student Branch WIE AGs

1 new Student Branch Chapter

25 % of total Region 8 membership!!!

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Goals and Objectives

- Create **more student membership benefits** at all IEEE levels
- **Develop student activities** beneficial to IEEE students (including contests, awards and promotion Programmes)
- Foster Student Members' **awareness of IEEE activities and existing benefits**
- **Support students' initiatives** and inform other IEEE organizational units about them
- **Represent student interests** and **voice student concerns** at all levels of IEEE
- Help with the **formation of new** Student Branches, Chapters, and Affinity Groups
- Help with **communication between** existing Branches, Chapters, and Affinity Groups
- **Increase student membership** and develop retention strategies
- Bring **more fun** to IEEE!

Meetings

- ▪ Student Branch Congresses
  - – Vienna, Austria; Cairo, Egypt; Albacete, Spain; Hamburg, Germany;
  - – Middle East Student Branch Congress, Amman, Jordan – May 10-14, 2009
  - – IEEE & EESTEC Southeastern Europe Student Branch and GOLD Congress, Novi Sad, Serbia&Montenegro – May 14-17, 2009
  - – Lisbon, Portugal – October 24-26, 2009
- ▪ Student Technical Conferences
  - – 2nd International Youth Conference on Energetics, Budapest, Hungary – June 4-6, 2009
  - – Robotica, Imaginática (Spain)
  - – Greek National Congress
  - – RoboMAC (Rep. of Macedonia)
  - – …

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Awards and Contests

Yasemin Baser - Representative to A&R

Martin Bastiaans - SPC Co-ordinator

General Awards

- IEEE Student Enterprise Award
  - engineering projects, 15th November
  - 2008 award winner: Cairo Univ (75% funding)
  - no nominations for 2009 yet
- IEEE MGA Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award
  - outstanding accomplishment
  - deadline 30th April
    - 3 nominations so far
    - waiting for more
    - Please nominate your students!

Student Branch Awards

- IEEE Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award
  - QMUL, UKRI
  - Bilkent, Turkey
  - METU, Turkey
- Outstanding Branch Counsellor and Advisor Recognition Programme
  - Prof. Dr. Michael Muhr, SB Graz, Austria
- IEEE Darrel Chong Student Activity Award
  - Silver: Alexandria SB - Interact with Today's World
  - Bronze: Bilkent SB – Towards University
  - Bronze: Jordan SB – MovIEEE Series
- MGA Student Branch Membership Growth Award

Contests

- IEEEXtreme 24 hour Programmeming Challenge

  - scheduled for October

- IEEE Student Branch Web Site Contest - 25 submissions

  - Turkey (5), Spain (5),

  - Lebanon (3),

  - UKRI (2), Egypt (2),

  - Croatia (1), Portugal (1), Greece (1), UAE (1), South Africa (1), Malta (1), Macedonia (1), Ukraine (1)

- IEEE Region 8 Ethics Competition

  - Topics available from EMCC

  - SB, Section, Cross-Section, Region level

  - Money for prizes available

Contests

- IEEE Region 8 Promotional Multimedia Contest (NEW!)
    - Deadline: 30th April
    - Design banners, videos, animations
    - outline basic membership benefits, applicable to all SBs
    - 125th year anniversary

    - 1st place: $500
    - 2nd place: $300
    - 3rd place: $200

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Student Paper Contest 2009

13 papers from 11 different Student Branches - Cairo, Eindhoven, Graz, Haifa, Ilmenau, Leuven, Ljubljana, Maribor, Pretoria, Saint Petersburg, Tehran (3x) - in 10 Sections

- **Oral finals** to be given as special track during EUROCON 2009 in St. Petersburg
- Papers to be included in **proceedings**

Student Paper Contest 2009

Finalists

▪ Jef Beerten (Leuven, Belgium)

▪ Bernhard Geiger (Graz, Austria)

▪ Hossein Hajimirsadeghi (Tehran, Iran)

▪ Ralph Hermans (Eindhoven, Netherlands)

▪ Khaled S. Refaat (Cairo, Egypt)

Jury

Martin Bastiaans, Netherlands - Chair,
Carlos López-Barrio, Spain,
Andrzej Pacut, Poland,
Djordje Paunovic, Serbia,
Irina Vendik, St.Petersburg, Russia

Projects and Programmes

Amélie Anglade

   Student Branch Co-ordinator

Saurabh Sinha

   Counsellor Programme Co-ordinator

Ongoing Programmes

- Membership campaigns
- Launch a new Student Branch initiative
- Waking up dormant Student Branches project
- Student Branch support
- Section's welcome to graduating Student Members (SAC & GOLD STEP)
- Region 8 Student News

Ongoing Programmes (2)

- Electronic Communications
- Student professional activities
- Students at IEEE technical conferences
- Help needy volunteers project
- R8 SAC Voucher Programmeme
- Preparing for Region 8 2010 Student Branch and GOLD Congress

New Initiatives

- Membership drive support:
  - Provide presentation templates in local languages
  - Provide general introductory slide explaining benefits etc.
- SB Officers / SSR training:
  - Online training session (on regular basis)
  - Rise level of expertise among student leaders

Project Summary: Counsellor Programmeme

- ## **Long-term Goal**
  - Renew and *continuously* rejuvenate IEEE Student Branch Counsellors, for a long term outcome of strengthened and sustained co-operation between Faculties, IEEE Student Members and their Branches.

- ## **Short-term objectives (2009)**
  - Gradual development of new SAC pages
    - "Counsellor programme"
  - Web page already provides:
    - Counsellor "Job description"
    - Counsellor "application" (progression of Counsellors)
    - Reminder on new tools, such as vTools
    - New officer reporting link:

      http://ewh.ieee.org/forms/scs/interactofficer.php#StudentBranches

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IEEE Region 8 Student Branch Counsellor Programme

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"5 things to do" cookbooks
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Counsellor Programme

○ CB Login

Hi, ssinha

[Logout]

Recover our Deactivated Student Members

Background:

On 01 March 2009, the IEEE runs a script called "service deactivation" (previously or more commonly known as "terminator"), where all those that have not renewed their IEEE membership loose their privileges as a member.

The student renewal due for IEEE Region 8 is US $25 whereas the due for new membership is US $12.50, the half-year due is currently in-effect.

You can find out who has not renewed by contacting your local section's SAMIEEE database recipient or by gaining access yourself: www.ieee.org/samieee. Both branch chairs and branch counsellors can gain access to those that are members of a given student branch.

Action Item:

Personal contact or one-to-one contact is encouraged in retaining members: use the SAMIEEE database, find out who, reach 'em, and point them to www.ieee.org/renew.

List: Region 8 Counsellors

Read more...

IEEE Region 8 SAC Counsellor Coordinator

Read more...

Region 8 Newsletter Submissions

Read more...

IEEE Outstanding Branch Counsellor and Advisor Award Recognition Program

Read more...

More...
- IEEE Student Branch Counsellor Appointment Process
- IEEE Student Branch Counsellor Job Description

○ Events Calendar

March 2009

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

+ Post New Event

Want to know whats going on in Region 8? Then subscribe to the Region 8 Students Mailing List.

To subscribe, just send a mail to listserv@listserv.ieee.org with SUBSCRIBE R8STUDENTS in the mail body.

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Student Branch Coordination

- **Twin Student Branch Programme:**

  - **Like twin towns, pairs of Student Branches from different Sections choose to be partners:**
    - Exchange good tips, documents, ideas, projects
    - Organise similar events in the same time for a better motivation
    - This can be **also used to mentor New Student Branches** (support from their peers)

  - **This Programme was launched 2 weeks ago:**
    - Announcement on the R8 SAC website (with a full webpage dedicated to it)

Student Branch Coordination

- **Getting an accurate list of SSRs and SSACs:**

  - **Finding such a list is not easy**
    - We would like to encourage all the Section Chairpersons to report both their:
      - Section Student Representatives (SSR)
      - Section Student Activities Committee (SSAC) Officers

    - A recommendation will be sent to global SAC to flag these on samIEEE

  - **If there is no SSR in your Section think about nominating one**

Student Branch Coordination

- **Towards the R8 SBC 2010:**

  - **Announcing the call for SBC venue proposal:**
    - Article in the Region 8 News (April issue)
    - A webpage on the Region 8 SAC website with:
      - This call
      - Guidelines for the proposals
      - Previous SBC proposals as examples

  - **Deadline for sending a proposal to R8 SAC is 30th June 2009**

Student Branch Coordination

- **Communication:**

    - **Communicate more on the Region 8 Student Branches activities:**
        - We publish in our "News" on the R8 SAC website:
            - The articles and annoucements the SBs send us
            - The events they organise we have heard of

        - A new webpage on the R8 SAC website called "**It happens in Region 8!**" has been created
            - It features past and ongoing activities of the R8 SBs

    - On our "News" webpage we also **announce any event that might be of interest to the SBs** (events organised by IEEE or its partners)

Student Branch Coordination

- **Communication:**

  - **Upgrading the R8 SAC website:**
    - The migration of the website to Joomla! 1.5
    - A new version of the website is in preparation.

    It will contain the **Data Warehouse Project**: a Wiki were all the SBs officers will be able to post useful SB documents, questions, best practices, solutions…

  - **Emailing**
    - **3 personalised emails** were sent to IEEE Student and Graduate Student Members to inform them about the our Team, Programs, Awards, R8 News…
    - Email to arrear student members
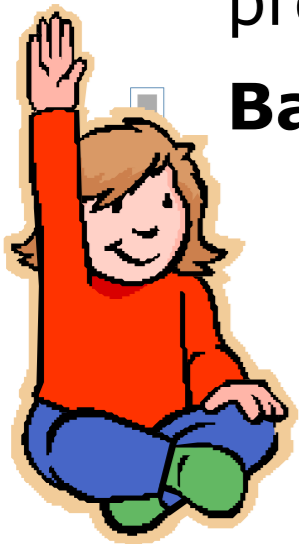   - Emails to SBs Counsellors and Chairs
    - Email to Section Chairs

Budget proposal

Money, money, money...

Region 8 specific problems

- **Severe delays with receiving IEEE publications** in some areas

- **Credit card problems** and high fees for money transfer and cheques (payment of dues) in some Sections

- Expensive if not impossible procedure of **cashing Rebate checks** from Piscataway

- Significantly varying **Gross Domestic Product and Purchasing Power Parity per capita** within Region 8, with a ratio in the order of 1:100 between the lowest– and the highest–income country. In the US, this ratio is less than 1:2 between the different states. In several Region 8 countries, the US–based prices for IEEE products and services are extremely high.

- **Bad rate of exchange** between the US dollar and the Euro

Budget proposal for 2009

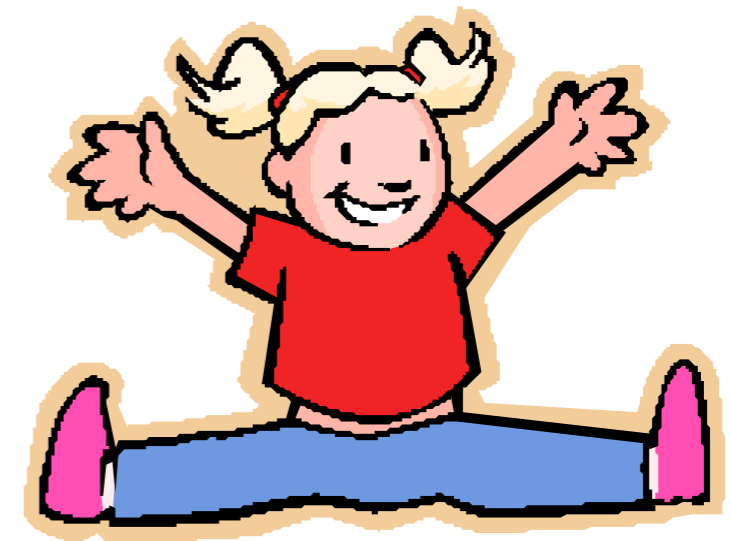| Event / Activity	2009	2008
SPC 2009 travel & accommodation in St. Petersburg	10000	15000
MGA SAC Meeting	10000	6000
Meeting Support	5000	4000
Branch Support	10000	3500
Voucher Programme	500	400
Promotional Items Contest	1000	
Projects / Unforeseen	3500	1022,44
Total	**40000**	**29922,44**

Actions

Action

Section Chairs to appoint Student Activities Officers and Student Representatives in their Section.

Financial impact: **none**

Background: Create better link to Region 8 Student Activities Committee

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Thank you!

Questions? Comments? Feedback?

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