Issues proposed to take to SC'08 (from Focus Groups on 25th April in Malta)

Note: these are initial ideas, R8 Sections should discuss their own proposals, to be added to these, and there will be further options to mention them at R8 Committee Meeting in Quebec City. The issues should be realistic and have some chance of getting support from **other** Regions

A1   More Piscataway staff assigned to assist Sections with their reporting rules and requirements (which can make a formidable task for some volunteers)

A2   Simplification of reporting requirements (recent trend is opposite)

A3   For R8 (and perhaps R9, R10), need a staff person to assist with management (one for each Region) – e.g. to assist the volunteers.

A4   Help in getting toll-free access systems for Teleconferencing in R8, etc. (as it works in USA – but not in some parts of R8

A5   Mechanisms to encourage Chapter formation in places where there are not enough members for a Section formation.

B1   Every member to have an annual entitlement to few IEEE Xplore downloads.

B2   IEEE`help to members wanting to get Patents – (legal and financial help).
    Share in profits from successful ones could pay for the scheme in the long term.

B3   Compensation for impact of 'free access to IEEE`Xplore' in SOME universties (e.g. no incentive to join IEEE any more – so perhaps reduce membership cost.

C1   Find a way to enforce the replacement of long-serving Chapter Chairs

C2   Assistance toi the volunteers with routine administrative work.   (especially for Secretary and Treasurer work)

C3   Rule/Recommendation that Section Chair must have served as a senior Section Officer before being eligible for election.   (especially Secretary or Treasurer)

C4   Make SAMIEEE access easier for Chapter Chairs.

C5   More uniformity of Distinguished Lecturer programmes and make these more independent of Societies.

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