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**IEEE R8 TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES BRIEF REPORT
(period January 1 to September 30, 2007)
Submitted by George Paunović**

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GENERAL

The middle part of 2007 was mainly the period of intensive actions, but within a somewhat restricted financial situation.

The following technical activities for IEEE members and/or IEEE entities were specifically realized in this period:

- ❖ Realization of EUROCON 2007 and AFRICON 2007 conferences.
- ❖ Preparations of 2008 R8 conferences and proposals for 2009 & 2010 R8 conferences.
- ❖ Further improvement of Calender of R8 conferences and formalization of obtaining R8 technical cosponsorship for other conferences in R8.
- ❖ Several investigation reports or realized task forces actions in the field of EA.
- ❖ Quite a number of ISBIR and IR reports, data files and realized actions.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The main priorities of the Educational Activities SC for the 2007 EA program were:

- Accreditation
- Continuing Education (ExpertNow).
- Pre-University Activities and Open Source Materials
- Education Activities at Section level

Charles Turner submitted the EA Report, to be included in Agenda book. The Report could be also found at R8 WEB page (www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/8), sub pages Documents/Repository/Committee Meetings Documents/Bucharest.

CHAPTER COORDINATION

Chapter Coordination Subcommittee is mainly dedicated to help chapters in Region 8 geographic area. The main activities in the period after Sofia meeting are based on the intention to enhance technical activities in R8. Three main tasks have been planned to be under focus :

- organizing more flag conferences of societies in R8 with R8 co-sponsorship;
- making R8 chapters more powerful (DL programs, members recruitment/retention/ recognition, chapter chair meetings)
- improving the Chapter of the Year Contest by making a more suitable evaluation system and a more suitable application form (sections/chapters/CCSC)

At the same time, all Division and regional delegates were requested to contact their Divisions or R8 Section Chairs, respectively, in order to get as much data about the current situation as possible.

CONFERENCE COORDINATION

Region 8 was up to now supporting three regional bianual conferences, Eurocon, Melecon and Africon. New R8 conferences are SIBIRCON and HISTELCON 2008.

- EUROCON 2007, Poland Section, very successfully realized September 9-12, 2007, Warsaw, Poland.
- AFRICON 2007, South Africa Section, September 26-27, 2007, Windhoek, Namibia.
- MELECON 2008 - France Section, May 9-12, 2008, Ajaccio, Corsica, France.
- SIBIRCON 2008 – Russia Siberia Section, September 8-11, 2008, Novosibirsk, Russia.
- HISTELCON 2008, Region 8, Septembre 11-12, 2008, Paris, France.

- *EUROCON 2009 - Russia Northwest Section, May 18-23, 2009, Saint Petersburg, Russia.*
- *AFRICON 2009, South Africa and Kenya Sections, September 22-25, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- *MELECON 2010, SIBIRCON 2010, AFRICON 2011, EUROCON 2011 open for candidacy.*

Francisco Sandoval, Conference Coordinator, submitted the R8 Conference Report, to be included in Agenda book and posted at R8 WEB page (www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/8, sub-pages Documents/Repository/Committee Meetings Docs/ Bucharest).

INDUSTRY RELATION

The main goal of Industry Relation Activities is to strengthen relationship between IEEE Sections and local industries, as well to gear IEEE activities towards both industry and academia interest.

Ramy Muschab, IR Coordinator, submitted the R8 IRC Report, to be included in Agenda book and posted at R8 WEB page (www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/8, sub-pages Documents/Repository/Committee Meetings Docs/ Bucharest).

In accordance with the 2007 IR Plan, submitted and accepted in Sofia, within the report the details are given about:

1. Activities with R8 IR Section officers and Section Chairs:
2. Development of a measurement tool/data file (separate document) indicating numbers of members in various categories.
3. Draft MOU agreement with Motorola to cover IEEE R8.
4. Collaboration with Industry Application Society (IAS).
5. Establishment of the Energy group in R8.

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6. Proposed activities in the near future.
7. Proposed topics to be discussed in Bucharest.

IEEE Student Branches Industry Relations (ISBIR) program

ISBIR program is one of the most important student programs, not only within IR activities, but also tightly connected to Student Activities and Membership Activities (www.isbir.org). **ISBIR Task force – Ferhan Ozkan - made and submitted the ISBIR07-NIC Progress Report document,** to be included in Agenda book. (The ISBIR document

could be also found at R8 WEB page (www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/8), sub pages Documents/Repository/Committee Meetings Documents/Bucharest.

The Report contains several relevant blocks:

- A. ISBIR Program Evaluation Metrics
- B. ISBIR Program Task Force Tasks List
- C. Action Plan 2008
 - C1. Objectives and Priorities in 2008
 - C2. 2008 Total Budget Summary
 - C3. IEEE-ISBIR Relations in 2008
 - C4. Newly Added Subprograms and Structures in 2008

STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES

Within Educational Activity Subcommittee a New Initiatives financing proposal on Standards Education was considered.

SUBCOMMITTEES AND GROUP MEETINGS ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

On Friday October 12, 2007, several TA meetings are planned:

Conference Coordination Committee	8:00 -10:00	Room 3
Chapter Coordination Subcommittee	10:00 -13:00	Room 3
IR and ISBIR Groups	14:00 -16:00	Room 2

Educational Activity Subcommittee meeting will not be organized in Bucharest.

Section Chairs, other R8 Committee members and guests are welcome.

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