

Report from The R8 Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee (ARSuC)**From :** Victor FOUAD HANNA**Two main news are included in this report :****I Approval of Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award by RAB****Date :** 13 February 2007**To:** Regional Activities Board**From:** Jean Gabriel Remy, Region 8 Director
Victor Fouad Hanna, Region 8 Awards Chair**Subject:** Approval of Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award

In January 2007, Clementina Saduwa was assassinated in Nigeria. Clementina was Region 8 officer for Women In Engineering; and her character and her action were very much appreciated by everyone involved in Region 8 activities. She had been asked to take in 2007 the responsibility of Africa for sections and chapters before this tragic event. As an engineer, Clementina worked for ERICSSON, Swedish telecommunication company, where she was also highly estimated.

Region 8 wants to give a testimony to the memory of Clementina, as well as a strong signal to women engineers in a part of the world where women are not everywhere considered equal to men, moreover when they are engineers and hold responsibilities. The action therefore is to create an award honoring Clementina and her accomplishments. The proposed description of this award is:

To recognize a women engineer in Region 8 who, through their engineering and career achievements, have demonstrated noteworthy support for women in the profession and have established a benchmark of engineering excellence.

This idea has been circulated to the Region 8 Committee and received unanimous support. Ericsson was approached by the Region Director and immediately agreed to fund the award, for at least two years (2007 and 2008), leaving for further discussion the continuation of this funding. For the first recipient of the award, Region 8 proposes to honor Clementina and to give her the award 'post mortem'. This would take place at the Region 8 meeting in Sofia, next April. The family of Clementina has been approached and accepted the principle of the award. A family representative will be invited in Sofia.

Action:

The Regional Activities Board approves the establishment of the Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award contingent upon RAB Awards & Recognition Committee review and approval.

Financial Impact to RAB: None**Financial Impact to R8:**

Ericsson has provided the Clementina Saduwa Award with \$1000€, Region 8 will fund accordingly similar amount. A plaque will be offered to the recipient

IEEE Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award**Description:**

Recognizes a women engineer in Region 8 who, through their engineering and career achievements, have demonstrated noteworthy support for women in the profession and have established a benchmark of engineering excellence.

Number of Awards per annum: 1 annually

Basis for Judging and Selection:

To be determined

Eligibility:

1. Must be female
2. Must be an IEEE member of any grade.
3. From a Region 8 country in which it is difficult for a woman to be an engineer either due to economic reasons or due to the woman bad social situation.

Administration:

This Award will be administered by the R8 Awards & Recognition Committee in accordance with the Procedure established by the IEEE Regional Activities Board.

Prize Items:

Recipients will receive a plaque with the signature of Region 8 Director and an honorarium of 2000€.

Funds/Budget:

\$2,000€

In 2007 and 2008, Ericson has agreed to provide funding (1,000€) for this award. Following this period, Region 8 will have further discussion with Ericson regarding future funding.

Nominations:

To be determined

Selection Committee:

Region 8 Awards Committee

Schedule:

The presentation of the plaque will be at a location or suitable event determined by the recipient in consultation with the Region Director and/or nominator.

II R8 Chapter of the Year Contest for 2006 :

This contest is held each year, and is addressed to all chapters in Region 8. It is a great opportunity to focus on the Chapters' activities and appreciate their achievements especially their technical meeting and the membership growth percentage.

there are two categories in the contest: **Big Chapters** (100 and more members) **and Small and Middle Size Chapters** (less than 100 members) the amount of the award is **1000 €** and a plaque. 12 applications were presented this year and the result is :

The Saudi Arabia Education chapter as the best small R8 chapter for the year 2006.(with 15 meetings in 2006).

The France IA/IE/PEL chapter as the best big R8 chapter for the year 2006.(with 50 meetings in 2006).