

Report from Baldomir Zajc for IEEE R8 COM Meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria, April 14-15, 2007

*IEEE Region 8 Past Director
IEEE Region 8 N/A Comm. Chair
IEEE Region 8 Strategic Planning Vice Chair*

N/A COMMITTEE Schedule

Will prepare in 2007 nominations of candidates:

- for Director-Elect 2009-10
- for 3 Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer for 2008

STRATEGIC PLANNING activity

Moderate **new Section number** and use Subsections to develop IEEE activity and practice in the country first.

Section established with 50 new members, just for petition, is not promising for a further membership growth in each case (several negative examples).

New Bylaws allows new Subsections where Sections still do not exist and to belong directly to Regions (8, 10).

Planned separation between **big and small Sections** with adequate rights is unfair (we did not mention that by establishing) and financial benefit is none.

Big Sections never opened such questions!

Only all together can and should be developing activity with common experience and practice.

R8 conference policy (R8 fin. support and then strong IEEE promotion there, low reg. fees) made R8 conferences very popular.

Eurocon 2007 in Poland got 700 papers and are in reviewing process now.

Conferences are also financially successful. A couple of years ago they were often negative and it was hard to get any end report.

For 6k\$ investment it is available a high IEEE promotion, MD, Educational activity.

Even profit is rising recently and it is fair to invest it in IEEE activity there where members did not charge their force at organization of the event.

Section Presentation in front of entire R8 Committee (and not Assessment in front of some Assessment Committee finishing with some Minutes). All Sections are seeing the practice of other Sections. and can learn a lot.

Workshop Strategy

Antagonism between R8 support (giving for IEEE promotion,...) and expected financial income (not usual practice in R8...) is often present. Also this investment for IEEE promotion is far higher as the value of invested money.

Investment for IEEE promotion at R8 Conferences and during Workshops is of high value and successful R8 projects

Others items