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**Main Activities:**

Since last Region 8 Meeting (October 2006) besides the usual several Technical Meetings organized by the existing 12 chapters (the 12th, Engineering in Medicine and Biology, was established in December 2006) we had two major events:

**25th anniversary of the Portugal Section celebration**, held on 21<sup>st</sup> October at the national engineering society headquarters (Ordem dos Engenheiros), open to all IEEE members of the Portugal Section. All past volunteers were invited to attend. In the last region 8 newsletter, a short notice was published. Following 3 photos of the event are presented: The first, related to the official ceremony where the Section history was remembered and the founders had received a Certificate of Recognition; The second, related to the cultural moment (a Baroque Music Concert by an Ensemble from the Porto Polytechnic Scholl of Music and Performing Arts); and the third to the social and gastronomic moment (Portuguese cuisine lunch).



Official Session



Cultural Event



Social and Gastronomic Activity

**1st National Meeting of Electrical Engineering and Computers Students:** from April 2nd till April 5th has been organized in Coimbra University (Centre of Portugal), the oldest University of Portugal and one of the oldest in Europe (founded in May 1st 1290 by King D. Dinis at the Royal Palace in Coimbra), the first National Meeting of Electrical Engineering Students. The 160 participants from all over Portugal they had attended seminars and round tables discussing items like: Renewable Energies, Buildings Technical Management, The Art of Robotics, Communication Networks and Process Automation, Mobile Communications, Electrical Technologies for Medicine, First Job Retrieval, Young Entrepreneur, Teaching for the future vs today job market needs. The moderators and speakers (over 40 people) were from academia and industries.

Part of the programme was also social evening events and one afternoon of sports on Wednesday. Tuesday morning in a one hour session was introduced the IEEE student activities by the Portugal Section Chair, Prof. Costa Freire, and the neighbour Section experience (Spain Section) by two invited active IEEE volunteers, Israel Arribas Santolaya and Juan Romero Raposo from Seville University and Madrid University Student Branches.

During the afternoon a meeting with the IEEE Portuguese student branches representatives and students willing to establish a branch on their school had a positive outcome. At least to petitions to form new Student Branches at Coimbra and Setubal (South of Lisbon) will be sent to IEEE headquarters on a few weeks. We hope a 3rd petition, from Algarve University (near the famous sunny beaches), will be sent soon too.



IEEE presentation (Section Chair and 2 Spain Section Volunteers)



IEEE SB Meeting with the Section Chair



An outdoor evening coffee meeting with students

**Activities in the near future:**

New bylaws will be presented to the IEEE headquarters for approval and legally establish the Portugal Section as a National Non-profit Organization.

João Costa Freire, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007