

# IEEE Transnational Committee 2007 Pilot Project in Region 8

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- The IEEE Transnational Committee (TC) is a standing committee, jointly of RAB and TAB.
- In 2006 TC agreed to support a pilot project in 2007 in Region 8, centred on the regional meetings in Sofia and Bucharest.
- Depending on the outcomes of the pilot project, TC would consider including Regions 7, 9 and 10 in 2008.

# Objective

- To improve service to members by increasing the interaction between IEEE staff in Piscataway and the volunteers from Sections, Chapters and other geographical entities.

# Background

- Most volunteers have little or no direct contact with IEEE staff in Regional Activities, Technical Activities and Finance.
- Creating new IEEE offices in the 'transnational' regions is not a viable option.
- Increased staff presence at regional meetings and conferences would foster better understanding of the problems facing volunteers, especially in small and in new Sections.

# Key Areas of Concern

- Section/Chapter administration
- Financial management and use of resources
- Adherence to IEEE Policies and Procedures
- Membership recruitment and retention
- Services to members
- Dealing with members' problems and complaints

# How will the Pilot Project proceed?

The intentions at this first meeting are:

- to promote a free exchange of information between staff and volunteers;
- to give volunteers an opportunity to raise their principal concerns;
- and for staff to identify where the main priorities lie.

- After the meeting Sections will be asked to take part in a survey of their requirements, and to report where they most need more staff support.
- Throughout the year the TC project coordinator will monitor progress in the key problem areas through contact with Section Chairs.

# Conclusion

- After the Bucharest meeting a final report will be sent to TC for its meeting in Boston, in November, with a recommendation on whether to continue the project in 2008.