

IEEE GOLD Committee Report March 2012

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Election Date:</u>	<u>Term End Date:</u>
• Salima Kaissi (Chair)	01/01/2011	31/12/2012
• Joao Carlos Prazeres Figueiras (Past Chair)	01/01/2011	31/12/2012
• Nele Reynders	01/01/2011	31/12/2012
• Rafal Sliz 01/01/2011	31/12/2012	
• Khaled Mokhtar	01/01/2012	31/12/2012

GOLD Committee is focusing on its continuous involvement in increasing the GOLD visibility and is continuing to have a tremendous momentum on Region 8 activities. We:

- Launched the first official edition of the Region 8 GOLD Book;
- Launched a new R8 GOLD website
- Support and energize the GOLD Affinity Groups in Region 8;
- Connect Affinity Groups to share experiences about some common events topics
- Create new Affinity Groups and Revive dormant ones;
- Onboard and support new GOLD Affinity Groups Chairs
- Organize regular online meetings with GOLD Chairs in Region 8;
- Continue with the promotion of the Student Transition & Elevation Partnership (STEP) program;
- Focus on GOLD membership development;
- Motivate more GOLDies to stay, join and be active volunteers in IEEE;
- Prepare the Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award for 2012;
- Prepare GOLD Book Video;
- We organize GOLD Track for the SBC 2012, in coordination with GOLD Spain;
- Develop cross-activities with other committees in Region 8;
- Contribute to all GOLDRush and R8News issues;
- Are Social Networks present.

Membership

GOLD members are identified by their first university degree. Thus GOLD includes Graduate Student Members, Members, and Senior Members.

As of March 2nd 2012, Region 8 has 9,692 active GOLD-flagged members compared to 9,202 by February 28th 2011, which represents an increase of 5.3%.

Nevertheless and as for Arrears, their number is growing as well. It went from 5,270 in February 28th 2011 to 5,733 in March 2nd 2012, which represents an increase of 8.8%.

Membership	February 28th 2011	March 2nd 2012	Progress
Active	9,202	9,692	+5.3%
Arrears	5,270	5733	+8.8%

GOLD Members 2011 - 2012**Meetings**

- Regular online meetings with the GOLD committee members and the Region 8 VC - MA
 - General GOLD Topics
 - SBC
- First online meeting with Region 8 GOLD Chairs – February 21, 2012

Region 8 GOLD Committee Activities

- Regular online meetings with the committee members and the Region 8 VC – MA
- Bi-monthly online meeting with the Region 8 GOLD Affinity Groups Chairs
- Close coordination and support to the Affinity Groups
- GOLD Book Video is being edited
- A Motion Amendment of the Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Activity Award was submitted
- The new Region 8 GOLD website is launched
- Continued contributions to R8News and GOLDRush
- The Committee members will attend the Region 8 Meeting in Berlin, March 2012
- The Committee will be represented at the MGA GOLD Meeting in Houston, March 23
- The Committee nominated three GOLD Affinity Groups from Region 8 to the MGA GOLD Award: Hall of Fame
- Support the establishment of new GOLD Affinity Group:
 - Qatar
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Some GOLD activities in Region 8 - 2012

- STEP Event, Portugal, March 7
- STEP Event, Jordan, March
- Robotic Competition, Jordan, September
- Egyptian Engineering Day, Egypt, September

Best practices

- GOLD Affinity Group chairs support formation of GOLD Affinity Groups in neighbouring sections
- GOLD members lectures at student branches
- GOLD Affinity Groups Chairs knowledge and experience exchange thanks to regular Skype meetings

Recommendations to Section Chairs:

- Identify good young volunteers, get them involved and train them to take on positions within the IEEE.
- Involve GOLD members in Section work, such as recruiting new members, reaching out to younger members, etc.
- Nominate local GOLD Affinity Group for regional and global Awards
- Organize the STEP program as a means to retain members and foster membership development
- Organize joint activities with GOLD and Students
- Be web present and raise the GOLD Affinity Group visibility locally and globally
- Encourage local GOLD Affinity Group to take part of regular Region 8 online meetings for GOLD Chairs, and to share experience and events via Region 8 GOLD Social Networks pages

Topics to be discussed in Berlin:

- Student Branch and GOLD Congress, Madrid 2012
- Region 8 GOLD Outstanding Award Motion
- GOLD Membership Development
- Define the exact role/responsibility of R8 GOLD Committee and/or Region 8 OpCom with Sections with no GOLD Affinity Group
- Contact Chairs of Sections with no Affinity Groups to establish new ones
- Contact Chairs of Sections with Dormant GOLD Affinity Groups
- Discuss potential cross-activities with Region 8 committees and subcommittees

IEEE Region 8 GOLD Web Links

- r8gold@ieee.org
- www.ieeer8.org
- <http://www.facebook.com/r8gold>
- <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3762315>
- <http://twitter.com/r8gold>