IEEE Croatia Section Report April 2013

1. Highlights from the past
- Seventh traditional Annual IEEE Croatia Section Award Banquet held, with international guests from geographically close IEEE sections (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Slovenia)
- Five conferences and workshops were technically co-sponsored and hosted by the Croatia Section in 2012 (http://www.ieee.hr/ieeesection/konferencije/2012)
- One global IEEE conference, The 2012 IEEE Multi-Conference on Systems and Control, October 3-5, 2012, was hosted in Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Milestone nomination for Krka - Sibenik Electric Power System - current status: ready for Board of Directors action (http://www.ieeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Milestone-Nomination:Krka_%E2%80%93_%C5%A0ibenik_Electric_Power_System)
- Two Croatia students: Josip Balen from the J. J. Strossmayer University of Osijek and Davor Karlovic from the University of Rijeka have received the IEEE Computer Society Richard E. Merwin Scholarships 2012 in recognition of their academic achievement and involvement in a student chapter
- New Croatia Section ExCom has been elected (term 2013-2014)

2. Future activities
- Organize and host the IEEE Region 8 flagship conference: IEEE EUROCON 2013, July 1-4 in Zagreb, Croatia
- Technically co-sponsor and host 6 global and regional conferences in Croatia in 2013 (as of 18 March 2013)
- Host IEEE ISCC'13 - The 18th IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communications, July 7-10 in Split, Croatia
- Host ITI 2013 - The 35th International Conference on Information Technology Interfaces, June 24-27 in Cavtat/Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Host ConTEL 2013 - The 12th International Conference on Telecommunications, June 26-28 in Zagreb, Croatia
- Host ELMAR 2013 - The 55th International Symposium ELMAR-2013, September 25-27 in Zadar, Croatia
- Host SoftCOM 2013 - The 21st International Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks, September 18-20 in Split/Primosten, Croatia
- Host MIPRO 2013 - The 36th International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microeelektronics, May 20-24 in Opatija, Croatia
- Milestone dedication: Krka - Sibenik Electric Power System (pending Board of Directors final approval)
- Issue a Call for Nominations for the 2013 IEEE Croatia Section Annual Awards
- Organize the Eighth IEEE Croatia Section Annual Award Banquet
- Launch the Croatia Section e-Newsletter
- Launch a local IEEE Senior Member initiative, personal invitation to outstanding members to be nominated by the Section
- Organize the IEEE R8 conference EnergyCon 2014 in Dubrovnik

3. Best practices
- Section-level professional meetings/lecture series for all members and guests
- A variety of activities in chapters and affinity groups (all chapters maintained the required activity level in 2012)
- Regular monthly ExCom meetings
- Student Transition and Elevation Partnership (STEP) workshops
- Annual IEEE Croatia Section Award Banquets
- Active and up-to-date web-site

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- Legal status of Croatia Section, need more detailed information and clarification regarding short and long-term implications (financial, liability, volunteer workload concerns)
- Benefits of IEEE membership for members from industry

5. Miscellaneous
- As of March 2013, Croatia Section has 20 individual society chapters and 2 joint society chapters, 3 affinity groups, and 4 student branches (Universities of Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, and Osijek)
- Five lectures by IEEE Distinguished Lecturer have been hosted in 2012 (Tulay Adali, Miroslav M. Begovic, Gabriel Jakobson, Saifur Rahman, Brian Stott)
- Volunteers active at the global and the regional levels: Marko Delimar elected 2013 IEEE Secretary, Aleksandar Szabo elected R8 Vice Chair, Member Activities (term 2013)
- Seven student officers participated in the IEEE Region 8 Student Branch & GOLD Congress in Madrid, Spain (Josip Balen, Damir Senic, Sanja Zrinscak, Tea Krstanovic, Iva Bojic, Tomislav Pokrajcic, Vinko Lesic)
- IEEE Student Branch Rijeka, "Rijeka summer exchange" (RiSex) in July 2012 - joint activity with Electrical Engineering Students' European Association (EESTEC)