

Region 8 News Report

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IEEE Region 8 News December 2012 Issue

1) The Increasing Size

The December 2013 issue of Region 8 News is another 16-page issue which means we have been increased the size of the newsletter again from June 2012. On one hand this is because of making three issues in 2012 to accommodate the work required for the Jubilee book special issue, on the other hand it also reflects the increasing requirement of our members to share their activities, organised events and meetings with all Region 8 members. More importantly, half of those contributions are from the GOLD and Student members.

Articles Contributed by Members	
News Type	Number of Articles
Region News	14
Section News	19
GOLD News	5
WIE News	1
Student News	29

2) Focus of Dec 2012 Issue

- Marko has shared his message with all the Region8 members in this issue as he is passing the director's responsibility to Martin in 2013.
- Student Branch and GOLD Congress 2012 Madrid

The congress this time has been covered from both Student and GOLD committee articles as well as an article on its own. Again, it shows the passion, energy and great spirit from the student and GOLD members and also great help from the R8 committee and Spain Section to make it such a successful gathering.

- Promotion of the GHN (IEEE Global History Network) website for members to contribute to the history of Electrical, Electronics, and computer technologies that have dramatically transformed the world during 19th and 20th centuries.

IEEE Region New Special Issue: Jubilee book

By the time we are writing this report, we are in the final stage of making modifications to the Region8 News special issue: the Jubilee book. It is a celebration of the 50 years of Region8, which is a significant milestone for all members in the region and also outside.

Jubilee Book Work Group:

Jubilee Book Coordinator: Kart Richter

Jubilee Book Editor: Charles Turner

History Activities: Tony Davies

R8 Director: Martin Bastiaans

R8 Treasurer: Brian Harrington

Region 8 News Editor: Roland Saam

Region 8 Editor: Zhijia Huang

Technical Editor: Ali Dabbs

1) Contributions from Our Members

Really appreciate the contributions from all our members to provide material and photos to show the great history of IEEE Region8 from its birth (The Origins of IEEE Region8), its growth (Activity in Eastern Europe; The Middle East, Africa) and current status.

2) Remarks from IEEE President, R8 Director, the Past Directors and the Editors

3) Introduction to the Various Achievement of Region 8 and its members in the past 50 years

- Membership Growth
- Section Development
- Technical Activities
- Roll of Honour and Recognitions
- Student and GOLD Activities
- The IEEE Milestones in Region 8
- Conferences
- Standards
- Professional Activities
- Life Members
- Women in Engineering

Looking ahead for 2013

1) Welcoming the New Volunteers

As there are increasing amount of articles for each issue of Region 8 news, it is good time to introduce more volunteers to the team. It could bring us new capability and new thoughts regarding how the newsletter will be.

2) Embrace the digital era of publishing

Another thought that we having been preparing is to run some small projects to see how we can bring the newsletter closer to the members through the digital channel.