IEEE Region 8 Director's Report - April 2013

Organization

The IEEE Region 8 Committee consists of IEEE Region 8 Section representatives, Operating Committee (OpCom) members, and Appointed Members. In the Region 8 Committee, Sections are normally represented by their Chairs. Section Chairs may appoint an alternate representative to the Region 8 Committee. The most recent list of Region 8 Sections and their representatives to the Region 8 Committee can be found on the Region 8 website (www.ieee.org/r8).

The eight **OpCom members** supervise the different activities in the Region, according to the following list (*italics* refers to a Region 8 Subcommittee and a Subcommittee Chair, resp.):

- **Director** **Martin Bastiaans**
- **Director-Elect** **Costas Stasopoulos**
    - o Regional Vitality and Section Development
- **Past Director** **Marko Delimar**
    - o *Awards and Recognition* *Charles Turner*
    - o *Nominations and Appointments*
    - o *Strategic Planning*
- **Secretary** **Ali El-Mousa**
    - o Electronic Communications George Michael
- **Treasurer** **Brian Harrington**
    - o Voluntary Contribution Fund Daniel Pasquet
- **Vice Chair Member Activities** **Aleksandar Szabo**
    - o *GOLD Activities* *Rafal Sliz*
    - o History Activities Tony Davies
    - o Jubilee Book Kurt Richter
    - o Life Members Jacob Baal-Schem
    - o *Membership Development* *Antonio Luque Estepa*
    - o *Professional Activities* *Jan Verveckken*
    - o Region 8 News Roland Saam / Zhijia Huang
    - o Sections Congress Coordination Athanasios Skodras / Saurabh Sinha
    - o Women in Engineering Joyce Mwangama
- **Vice Chair Student Activities** **Pablo Herrero**
    - o *Student Activities*
    - o Student Representative Christian Schmid
- **Vice Chair Technical Activities** **Carl Debono**
    - o *Chapter Coordination* *Elya Joffe*
    - o *Conference Coordination* *Jan Haase*
    - o *Educational Activities* *Niovi Pavlidou*
    - o *Industry Relations* *Andreas Neumeier*
    - o Standards David Law

What does the R8 Committee do?

- Conducts two annual meetings of the Region leadership
    - o Used for coordination of the Region business and for training of new volunteers
- Supports activities of local Organizational Units
- Coordinates meetings for technical and professional purposes throughout the Region
    - o Including student events
- Coordinates activities between R8 entities and Organizational Units from outside the Region
- Engages in member development

Vision and Mission

- **Vision**: Region 8 is an effectively organized, dynamic and influential entity, recognized as a leading and esteemed part of a truly transnational IEEE, with IEEE benefits equally available to all members

- **Mission:** To serve the needs of the members of the Institute, the profession and society at large, by enhancing and supporting the IEEE's Organizational Units and their activities within Region 8

Key steps to realize the mission

- Provide a platform for coordination, motivation and interaction among Region 8 units
- Provide a link between the Region and other IEEE organizational units
- Work to achieve smooth and effective operations in different countries
  - recognizing cultural differences, and
  - effectively cooperating with national societies and other organizations
- Expand IEEE presence and activities to new geographic areas in Region 8
- Promote the transnational nature of IEEE within the Region and the Institute

Geographic unit and membership statistics - 31 December 2012 (2011)

- 56 (56) Sections
- 10 (9) Subsections
- 548 (524) Society Chapters
- 68 (63) Affinity Groups
- 415 (377) Student Branches
- 107 (83) Student Branch Chapters
- 54 (49) Student Branch Affinity Groups

- 77909 (76322) Members   after the deactivator in February: 55288 (56533); down by 1245
- 55831 (54442) Non-students   after the deactivator in February: 39651 (40434); down by 783
- 22078 (21880) Students   after the deactivator in February: 15637 (16099); down by 462

- 79767 (80972) Society membership

Distribution over the different membership grades:

	H	F	SM	M	AM	GSM	StM
31-12-2011	7	927	5459	44841	3208	11119	10761
31-12-2012	7	973	5955	46350	2546	11658	10420

Distribution after the effect of the service deactivator:

	H	F	SM	M	AM	GSM	StM
28-02-2012	7	954	5044	32464	1965	9452	6647
28-02-2013	7	991	5539	31930	1184	9691	5946

Recent and upcoming major events in Region 8

- R8 OpCom meeting, Athens, Greece, 3-5 February 2012
- R8 Subcommittee face-to-face meetings, Berlin, Germany, 30 March 2012
- R8 Committee meeting, Berlin, Germany, 31 March - 1 April 2012
- R8 OpCom meeting, Madrid, Spain, 25 July 2012
- R8 Student Branch and GOLD Congress, Madrid, Spain, 25-29 July 2012 (with sessions on Educational Activities, GOLD, Professional Activities, ...)
- R8 Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee meeting, Cape Town, South Africa, 20-22 August 2012 (with outreach to the Section and technical presentations of the Subcommittee members at several universities)
- R8 Committee meeting, Tallinn, Estonia, 6-7 October 2012 (99th meeting)
- R8 OpCom meeting, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 25-27 January 2013

- R8 Subcommittee face-to-face meetings, Madrid, Spain, 19 April 2013
- R8 Committee meeting, Madrid, Spain, 20-21 April 2013 (100th meeting)
- R8 Committee meeting, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5-6 October 2012

Recent and upcoming Region 8 conferences

- MELECON 2012, Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia, 25-28 March 2012
- HISTELCON 2012, Pavia, Italy, 5-7 September 2012

- ENERGYCON 2012, Florence, Italy, 9-12 September 2012

- EUROCON 2013, Zagreb, Croatia, 1-4 July 2013
- AFRICON 2013, Mauritius, 25-27 September 2013
- MELECON 2014, Beirut, Lebanon, 13-16 April 2014
- ENERGYCON 2014, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 13-16 May 2014

Recent and upcoming Section anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60)

- 20 June 2012, United Arab Emirates, 25th anniversary
- 10 July 2012, UK & Rep of Ireland, 50th anniversary
- 21 August 2012, Hungary, 25th anniversary
- 1 December 2012, Poland, 40th Anniversary
- 28 March 2013, Norway, 50th anniversary

- 12 June 2013, Finland, 40th Anniversary
- 12 July 2013, Germany, 50th anniversary
- 18 August 2014: Turkey, 25th Anniversary
- 5 October 2014: Israel, 60th Anniversary
- 18 November 2013, Western Saudi Arabia, 25th anniversary

Some recent and upcoming activities - a selection

Chapter Coordination
- AP & MTT Chapter Chair meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 29 October 2012
- Chapter Coordination workshop with Society representatives, Madrid, 19 April 2013 in conjunction with the upcoming Region 8 Committee meeting

Conference Coordination
- 35 MoUs signed in 2012, 30 for technical co-sponsorship and 5 for financial co-sponsorship

GOLD activities
- Egyptian Engineering Day (EED 2012), Cairo International Convention Centre, Egypt, 1-3 September 2012, organized by the Egypt GOLD Affinity Group; directly supported by the Egyptian government, EED 2012 gathered all Egypt Student Branches, attracted more than 9000 visitors over three days, and had wide media coverage

History activities
- Region 8 History session at HISTELCON 2012, Pavia, Italy

Industry Relations
- Prepared the first version of the Industry Relations Subcommittee manual
- Prepared procedures for Region 8 Industry Relations awards

Membership Development
- Membership Development workshop, Leuven, Belgium, 22 September 2012

Region 8 News
- Vol. 15, No. 1 (March 2012), No. 2 (June 2012), No. 3 (December 2012)
- Vol. 16, No. 1 (March 2013) Special Issue, Region 8 50th anniversary

Student activities
- Interact with Today's World (ITW 2012), Bibliotheca Alexandria, Egypt, 15-17 September 2012, organized by the Alexandria Student Branch
- 1st Hellenic Student Branch Congress, Patras, Greece, 14-16 December 2012
- Turkey Student Branch Congress, Izmir, Turkey, 4-8 February 2013
- 3rd IEEE Iberian Student Branch Congress, Oporto, Portugal, 15-17 March 2013
- Spain Student Branch Congress, Valencia, Spain, 21-24 March 2013
- 2nd Central European Student Branch Congress, Opole, Poland, 13-15 May 2013
- 3rd Middle East Student Branch Congress, Beirut, Lebanon, 28 May - 1 June 2013
- 2nd Hellenic Student Branch Congress, Nicosia, Cyprus, 25-27 October 2013

General focus points for 2013-14

- Revitalize less active Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches
- Help Subsections that reside directly under the Region to become a full Section
- Explore the possibility for new Geographic Units in those parts of our Region where no Sections exist
- Assist with the legal registration of Sections where required

- Be aware of the diversity in the Region (for instance, with respect to Member Development, Women in Engineering, Industry Relations, ...)
- Be aware of compliance and governance vs. frustration of volunteers (for instance, with respect to Section registration, Section reserves, Section Officers term limits, mandatory use of financial software, ...)

Additional remark on mandatory use of financial software. The MGA Directors Forum during the Board Series in Austin, TX, February 2013, was mainly devoted to NetSuite. The proposed use of NetSuite on a transactional basis is likely to lead to a manual duplication of all bank transactions of Organizational Units. In my opinion this is unacceptable and will scare many (new) Treasurers; our volunteers should organize activities and should not be required to fulfill unnecessary administrative actions. Such mandatory use is only acceptable when NetSuite is able to import bank transactions automatically.

Plans and goals for 2013

Vice Chairs and their appointed Coordinators and Subcommittee Chairs are currently working on their plans and goals for 2013. These will be discussed with the Section Chairs during the upcoming Region 8 Committee meeting.

Director's calendar since the R8 Committee meeting in Tallinn, October 2012

Activities in *italics* have been or will be attended by other OpCom members

- 29 October 2012, Amsterdam: AP/MTT Chapter Chair Meeting
- 7–14 November 2012, New Brunswick, NJ: Board Series, cancelled
- *16 November 2012, Warsaw: Poland Section 40th Anniversary (01-12-1972), József attended*
- 19–22 November 2012, Belgrade: TELFOR and Serbia & Montenegro ExCom meeting
- 3–4 December 2012, Paris: SEE–IEEE Brillouin Joint Award ceremony
- 7–9 December 2012 Brno, Czech Republic: Czechoslovakia Section 20th Anniversary (01-08-1992)
- *14–16 December 2012, Patras, Greece: 1st IEEE Hellenic Student Branch Congress, Costas attended*
- 14–17 December 2012, London: Meeting with Past Director, Treasurer, and R8 News Editors
- 11–16 January 2013, Los Angeles, CA: Board Retreat and meeting, and MGA Board Retreat
- 24–28 January 2013, Dubai: OpCom meeting
- 26 January 2013, Dubai: United Arab Emirates Section Annual General Meeting
- 31 January 2013, Eindhoven, Netherlands: Benelux Section Chapter and Affinity Group Chair meeting, Benelux Section General Assembly and "Meet the Fellows"
- 12–20 February 2013, Austin, TX: Board Series
- 22–25 February 2013, Sarajevo: Hotel inspection for next Region 8 Committee meeting
- 6–7 March 2013, Amsterdam: Sections Congress venue inspection and committee meeting
- *15–17 March 2013 Oporto, Portugal: 3rd IEEE Iberian Student Branch Congress (ISBC), Marko had to cancel*
- 5–6 April 2013, Munich, Germany: Germany Section 50th Anniversary (12-07-1963)

- 19–21 April 2013, Madrid: Region 8 Committee meeting
- 9–13 May 2013, ???, NJ: MGA OpCom meeting
- 13–15 May 2013, Opole, Poland: 2nd Central European Student Branch Congress (CEuSBC)
- *28 May – 1 June 2013, Beirut: 3rd Middle East Student Branch Congress (MESBC), Costas will attend*
- 12 June 2013, London: Milestone ceremony – Gabor's invention of holography
- 26 June – 3 July 2013, San Diego, CA: Board Series
- *1–4 July 2013, Zagreb: EUROCON and Region 8 Student Paper Contest Finals*
- 5 July 2013, Šibenik, Croatia: Milestone ceremony – Krka-Šibenik Electric Power System
- 12–14 July? 2013, St. Petersburg?, Russia: OpCom meeting
- August 2013: N&A Subcommittee meeting – Director-Elect candidates
- *Cairo: Egypt Engineering Day (EED), Ali will attend*
- 9–12 September 2013, Mauritius: AFRICON
- 5-6 October 2013, Sarajevo: Region 8 Committee meeting
- *25–27 October 2013, Nicosia: 2nd Hellenic Student Branch Congress (HSBC), Costas will attend*
- 20–26 November 2013, New Brunswick, NJ: Board Series