IEEE R8 –Chapter Coordination Subcommittee 2013

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The following is the outline of the Report: 1) Highlights from the past 2) Future activities 3) Best practices 4) Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

1. Highlights from the Past

- **New Chapters**
  - 15 new chapters since January 2013
  - 6 of them Student Branch Chapters
  - 9 others, regular chapters

- **Student Branch Chapter Meetings**
  - IEEE Turkey Student Branch Congress 2013, February 2013, Izmir, Turkey
    - ChCSC represented by Simay Akar
    - Session on R8 and Chapter Activities delivered by Simay Akar with SAC member David Dias and Education Activities Subcommittee member Rui Costa
  - IEEE ISBC 2013 Iberian Student Branch Congress 2013, March 2013, Porto-Portugal
    - ChCSC represented by Simay Akar

- **Chapter of the Year Award**
  - 6 qualified nominations received; only 5 were completed.
  - A best chapter was selected (to be announced in the meeting)
  - Only one award will be presented (no small/medium and large chapter distinction) due to the very large gap between the winner and all others
  - Announcement to the R8 Committee to be made in the meeting

- **Facebook Outreach**
  - IEEE Region 8 Chapters Facebook Page created by Simay
  - Page very active, especially during “Chapter of the Year” contest
  - Few statistics:

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- Confirmed list of 2013 R8 S/C Chapter Coordinators
  o 3 Reminders sent with information on R8 ChCSC meeting in Madrid
  o 26 S/C responded with updates/affirmation of coordinators
  o Still 30% did not respond - need to improve cooperation - I will raise this in TAB

Chapter Coordination Committee Meeting
  o Meeting on April 19, in conjunction with R8 Committee meeting
  o 22-23 S/C Chapter Coordinators confirmed participation
  o Rich program of meeting
2. Future activities

- **Chapters e-mail Newsletter**
  - Management by Simay
  - Information and procedural reminders to chapters (time for elections, L-3 forms, etc.)
- **Society/Division Chapter Coordination meetings**
  - Engage S/C Regional Chapter Coordinators to coordinate with ChCSC Chapter training sessions in conjunction with major conferences
  - R8 ChCSC could provide speakers/material upon request (and funding)
- **Best Student Chapter of the Year Award (proposal)**
  - Develop the award for 2014?
  - R8 SAC does not have such an award and support the idea
- **Future Student Branch Chapter Congress Meetings (proposal)**
  - Attend if possible (and funding pending) at least 2 such meetings
  - Students need to “know” R8 and we need to interact with the future of IEEE and the Region
- **Section Student Chapter Ambassadors Ad-hoc Team (proposal)**
Form an ad-hoc team involving “student ambassadors/representatives/angels” (or whatever we call them) from each section in Region8.

- Their task: encourage Student chapter establishments and activities
- Students will feel responsible to Student Chapter activities in their sections.
- “Ambassadors” could meet 1-2 times a year:
  - E.g., in a track in student branch congresses or in parallel to the R8 Committee meeting
  - Inspiration to next generations who would be more motivated for Chapter Activities, when the other students see activities of these students.

For students, section based activities are always much more efficient. They are mostly in student branches and unaware of societies. An opportunity within the section to expose them to S/Cs.

3. Best practices

- Best Practice presentations/discussions
  - In Chapter Coordination meeting in Madrid
  - Consider collating and creating a “Best Practices Manual”
- Best Practice Webinars
  - Consider holding in near future
  - Topics of interest to Chapters

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Low response from S/C Presidents to communications
  - I will raise the point in TAB Presidents’ Forum
- Low response to Chapter of the Year Award Call for Nominations
  - Maybe need to simplify the data requirements
  - Maybe need to improve data entry process
- Funding
  - Visibility/presence/activities requires funding
  - Can do much more during regional conferences
  - Need to plan for future years if possible
- Need to improve Chapter of the Year Award data entry
  - Need to consider if all requested data is necessary
  - Need to consider if additional data required