IEEE Spain Section Report

1. Highlights from the past
- IEEE Day Ceremony in October 2012 with IEEE Spain Section Awards. Press covered. Dean of UPM University receiving one of the Awards.
- Section Opcom meeting to determine the budget for 2013
- DNS inventor, Paul Mockapetris conference and event in Barcelona in January 2013. Very successful attendance. In ESADE, important Business School.
- Entrepreneurship Awards in cooperation with IE Business School. Many good contestants. 24k€ grant award.
- Signature and cooperation with National Society, COIT-AITAR in several aspects
- Celebration of a three day Branch Congress, CNR'13 with 15 branches present, very active. Great organization from UV Student Branch. Two newly formed branches and several revitalized ones.
- Formation and co-chairing with W3C of the Open Government Data Spain Community (participated by governments)
- Support to chapters activities clearly structured and procedure to request financial support well established.
- TISP event in A Coruña organized by UNED Student Branch.
- ELECTIONS conducted in all chapters that had a chair for more than two years. Renewal of many chapter leaders.
- Fellow program
- Senior Member campaign
- Timely mails to arrears and welcome of new members to the Section.

2. Future activities
- Celebration of IEEE Day in October 2013
- Support in organizing this Region 8 meeting in Madrid.
- Preparing in Spain the 1st. IEEE World eGovernment Conference
- Membership campaign
- Spain POCO (Panel of Conference Organizers)

3. Best practices
- Cooperation agreements with governmental institutions supporting learning activities (TISP, Robotics,).
- Formation of the IEEE CS eGovernment (Proposal from IEEE Technology Management Council Spain and support from the Section). Best practices around the world on Open Government Data.
- Collaboration with top business school (IE, ESADE)

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- Retention
- Cooperation with conferences in financially co-sponsored situation needed to increase revenues.

5. Miscellaneous
- IEEE Day Awards and IE Business School Entrepreneur Gran Award.
- National Society Agreement signed with COIT-AITAR
- Two new Student Branches, Sensors Council also newly found and some SB Chapters.