

IEEE Croatia Section Report October 2013**Mislav Grgic****Highlights from the past**

- The IEEE Region 8 flagship conference: IEEE EUROCON 2013, July 1-4 was organized and hosted in Zagreb, Croatia.
- Milestone dedication: "Krka-Sibenik Electric Power System, 1895" - milestone plaque ceremony on 5 July 2013 (http://www.ieeeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Milestones:Krka-%C5%A0ibenik_Electric_Power_System,_1895).
- Hosted MIPRO 2013 - The 36th International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microelectronics, May 20-24, in Opatija, Croatia.
- Hosted the 2013 IEEE Signal Processing Society Summer School on Biomedical Imaging and Analysis (SSBIPA) on June 8-14, in Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- Hosted the ITI 2013 - The 35th International Conference on Information Technology Interfaces, June 24-27, in Cavtat/Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- Hosted the ConTEL 2013 - The 12th International Conference on Telecommunications, June 26-28, in Zagreb, Croatia.
- Hosted the IEEE ISCC'13 - The 18th IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communications, July 7-10, in Split, Croatia.
- Launched a local IEEE Senior Member initiative, personal invitation to outstanding members to be nominated by the Section.

Future activities

- Host 2013 ITSeH - IT Systems & e-Health, September 12-14, in Bol (Island of Brac), 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.
- Issue a Call for Nominations for the 2013 IEEE Croatia Section Annual Awards.
- Launch the Croatia Section e-Newsletter.
- Organize the Eighth IEEE Croatia Section Annual Award Banquet.
- Organize the IEEE R8 conference EnergyCon 2014 in Dubrovnik.

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.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Legal status of Croatia Section changing, process non-transparent.
- Benefits of IEEE membership for members from industry.

Miscellaneous

- As of September 2013, Croatia Section has 20 individual society chapters and 2 joint society chapters, 3 affinity groups (WIE, GOLD, LM), and 4 student branches (Universities of Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, and Osijek).
- IEEE SB Osijek won the IEEE Foundation Grant for the project entitled "IEEE MADC - Mobile Applications Development Contest".
- IEEE SB Zagreb applied for hosting the IEEE Student Branch Congress 2014 in Zagreb.
- As of August 2013, three IEEE Distinguished Lecturers have been hosted during 2013 (Atam P. Dhawan, Stefano Maci, Pierre Moulin).
- 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).

- Since the beginning of the local Senior Member initiative, 9 members have been promoted to the SM level.