

**IEEE Region 8 Director's Report - October 2013****Martin J. Bastiaans****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](http://www.ieee.org/r8)).

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

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

What does the R8 Committee do?

- Conducts two annual meetings of the Region leadership
  - 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
  - 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

#### 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, ...)

#### Geographic unit and membership statistics

Statistics on 31 December 2012 (1011)

- 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                      ultimo August 2013 (2012): 71641 (71282); up by 359
- 55831 (54442) Non-students                ultimo August 2013 (2012): 54645 (55333); down by 688
- 22078 (21880) Students                    ultimo August 2013 (2012): 16996 (15949); up by 1047
  
- 79767 (80972) Society membership

Distribution over the different membership grades 31 December:

	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 over the different membership grades 31 August:

	H	F	SM	M	AM	GSM	StM
31-08-2012	7	973	5658	45898	2797	8277	7672
31-08-2013	7	1035	6149	45250	2204	9274	7722

**Recent and upcoming major events in Region 8**

- 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 OpCom meeting, St. Petersburg, Russia, 12-14 July 2013
  
- R8 Committee meeting, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5-6 October 2012 (101st meeting)
- R8 Committee meeting, Budapest, 5-6 April 2014 (102nd meeting)
- R8 Student Branch and GOLD Congress, Krakow, Poland, 7-10 August 2014
- R8 Committee meeting, Amsterdam, 21-22 August 2014 (103rd meeting)

**Recent and upcoming Region 8 conferences**

- 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)**

- 28 March 2013, Norway, 50th anniversary
- 12 June 2013, Finland, 40th Anniversary
- 12 July 2013, Germany, 50th anniversary  
The 50th anniversary was celebrated in the Münchner Künstlerhaus am Lenbach Platz, Munich, Germany, on Friday 5 April 2013
  
- 18 November 2013, Western Saudi Arabia, 25th anniversary
- 18 August 2014: Turkey, 25th Anniversary
- 5 October 2014: Israel, 60th Anniversary

**Recent and upcoming dedications of IEEE Milestones**

- Invention of Holography, 1947  
London, England, Dedicated 12 June 2013 - UK & Rep of Ireland Section

In 1947 Dennis Gabor conceived the idea of wavefront reconstruction for improving the performance of the electron microscope. This became the basis for the invention of optical holography for three-dimensional imaging but implementation required coherent light sources and had to await the emergence of the laser some years later. Gabor was awarded the Nobel Prize for his invention in 1971.

- Krka-Šibenik Electric Power System, 1895  
Šibenik, Croatia, Dedicated 5 July 2013 - Croatia Section

On 28 August 1895 electricity generated at this location was transmitted to the city of Šibenik, where six power transformers supplied a large number of street lamps. This early system of power generation, transmission and distribution was one of the first complete multiphase alternating current systems in the world and it remained in operation until World War I.

**Awards and recognitions**

During the gala dinner of the Region 8 Committee meeting in Madrid on Saturday 20 April 2013, the following Region 8 awards have been presented/announced:

- 2012 Region 8 Chapter of the Year Award  
Robotics and Automation Society Chapter, Egypt Section: For outstanding performance in technical and educational activities and particularly for the Chapter's humanitarian service by increasing public

awareness through an outdoor robotic competition on demining Egypt: "Minesweepers: Towards a Landmine-free Egypt" - presented to Ahmed Darwish, Section Chair.

- 2012 Region 8 Outstanding Section Award  
Iran Section - presented to Farzaneh Abdollahi, Section Secretary.
- 2013 Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award  
Fatma-El Zahraa Abou-Chadi, Egypt Section: For her engineering and career achievements and noteworthy support for women in the profession.
- 2013 Region 8 Volunteer Award  
Samir Shaheen, Egypt Section - to be presented at the 101st Region 8 Committee meeting.

During an award ceremony in Reykjavík on Thursday 30 May 2013, the 2013 VFI-IEEE Joint 'Electrical Engineer of the Year' Award has been presented to Jón Atli Benediktsson: For outstanding technical achievements and world-wide recognition in the field of remote sensing, and in the research and manufacturing of medical equipment that measures - without invasion - oxygen saturation in the veins of the eye.

VFI = Verkfræðingafélag Íslands = Association of Chartered Engineers in Iceland

During the IEEE Honors Ceremony in San Diego, CA, on 29 June 2013, the following people in Region 8 received a Prize Paper or Technical Field Award:

- W.R.G. Baker Prize Paper Award  
Erdal Arikani (Turkey Section) - Channel polarization: A method for constructing capacity-achieving codes for symmetric binary-input memoryless channels.
- Clelio Brunetti Award  
Giorgio Baccarani (Italy Section) - For contributions to scaling theory and modeling of metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) devices.
- Masaru Ibuka Consumer Electronics Award  
Martin Dietz (Germany Section), and Kristofer Kjörling and Lars Liljerd (Sweden Section) - For pioneering innovations in digital audio coding, technology leadership, and contributions to the development of High-Efficiency AAC (HE-AAC).
- William E. Newell Power Electronics Award  
Rik W. De Doncker (Germany Section) - For contributions to the development of new components, topologies, and controls in power electronic systems.
- Eric E. Sumner Award  
Siavash Alamouti (UK & Rep of Ireland Section), and Vahid Tarokh and Hamid Jafarkhani (outside Region 8) - For contributions to block signaling for multiple antennas.

At the Board of Directors meeting in San Diego on 30 June 2013, as recommended by the IEEE Awards Board, the following people in Region 8 were approved as recipients of a Technical Field Award:

- Clelio Brunetti Award  
Martin van den Brink (Benelux Section; non-member) - For designing new lithography tool concepts and bringing these to the market, enabling micrometer to nanometer imaging.
- Herman Halperin Electric Transmission and Distribution Award  
Willem Boone (Benelux Section) - For successful international leadership and guidance in understanding critical factors affecting power cable life and in improving diagnostic test procedures.
- Internet Award  
John Crowcroft (UK & Rep of Ireland Section) - For contributions to research in and teaching of Internet protocols, including multicast, transport, quality of service, security, mobility, and opportunistic networking.
- William E. Newell Power Electronics Award  
Frede Blaabjerg (Denmark Section) - For contributions to power electronics in renewable energy and adjustable speed drives.
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Award  
Brian F. Hutton (UK & Rep of Ireland Section), and Malcolm Hudson and Lawrence A. Shepp (outside Region 8) - For developing maximum-likelihood image reconstruction in emission tomography leading to its widespread and effective use in healthcare.

## News from Member and Geographic Activities (MGA)

Some items from the MGA OpCom meeting (11 May 2013) and MGA Board meeting (29 June 2013) that are directly relevant to Region 8.

- IEEE GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) has been renamed to IEEE Young Professionals.
- Section Vitality (Geographic Unit Operations Support Committee, Chair: Scott Atkinson)  
The Section Vitality Pilot was created to conduct what motivates Sections to organize and execute various programs of interest and importance to their members. A relatively large number of Sections were selected to participate in this Pilot. To determine the success of the Section leaders to organize and implement the programs, their Section members will be surveyed upon completion of the Pilot. Additionally the selected Sections will be contacted to determine their feedback as to the programs they instituted. The results will assist the GUOS Committee to identify processes which will be implementable for Sections to enhance programs of interests and importance to Section members. This Pilot will run from April to November.  
Aleksandar Szabo is a member of this Committee; Costas Stasopoulos is the Regional Vitality Coordinator.
- Geo Unit Vitality Dashboard (champion: Murty Polavarapu)  
MGA is developing a Section Dashboard to review vitality metrics that may indicate what is working well and what could benefit from planned activities or support. The Section Dashboard will include information such as membership data, financials, meeting summary data, events and much more. Design flexibility in the Section Dashboard will allow for additional metrics to be incorporated in the future. This Section Dashboard tool will provide Section and Chapter leaders a single point of access to information they can use to support their efforts in engaging members. Preliminary version expected to be available by end of 2013.
- Volunteer Onboarding Project (champion: Loretta Arellano)  
On 24 June 2013, MGA kicked off a pilot called Volunteer Leadership Program (VoLT), designed to accelerate the volunteer experience. The objective is to expose volunteers to a more in depth learning experience of the broader IEEE structure and organizational units outside of MGA. They will also acquire practical leadership skills that can be applied in their professional environment. The program will run for six months. A total of 21 participants across the 10 regions were selected through a candidate application process. Each one has been assigned a mentor, who is a more seasoned volunteer well versed in IEEE. The final outcome is to have a more interested and motivated IEEE volunteer and an increased pool of candidates for leadership positions.  
Five Region 8 members participate in the pilot: Gloria Chukwudebe (Nigeria), Habib M. Kammoun (Tunisia), Jesus Fraile Ardanuy (Spain), Khaled A. Mokhtar (Egypt), and Evgen Pichkalyov (Ukraine).
- NetSuite integration
  - The MGA Directors Forums during the Board Series in Austin, TX, February 2013, and San Diego, CA, June 2013, were 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.
  - Action from the MGA OpCom meeting: MGA Finance Committee to develop recommendation for the MGA Board on the level of compliance that geographic units will need to achieve with NetSuite reporting. Summary quarterly reports were discussed and seen as a good solution.
- Google Apps project  
Ca. 88,000 Google Alias users were successfully migrated to the Google platform on 12 June. Launch and promotion to full membership has begun on 16 August 2013, in conjunction with the 2014 membership year.
- Volunteer Communications Strategy  
Action from the MGA OpCom meeting: Ralph Ford and Cecelia Jankowski to develop approach for improving communications of MGA Board actions to geographic units and vice-versa, as well as tracking issues in Regions.

**Miscellaneous**

- In January 2013, the first IEEE Entrepreneurs Network within Region 8 was established in Cyprus under the IEEE Cyprus Section. The idea of implementing such a Network in Cyprus initiated by the conclusion that the current economic crisis is considered by many as a great barrier towards economic growth and employability, whereas entrepreneurship driven by innovation and networks of talented people can in fact mitigate the negative impacts of this crisis and lead to local prosperity. It was also based on the confidence that professionals who by education or experience give evidence of competence in an IEEE designated field should take a leading role in this effort.
- A Memorandum of Understanding regarding a fellowship program has been signed with the IE University in Madrid. The purpose of the fellowship program is to provide members of the IEEE access to five scholarships which will make it less costly to complete master-level training at IE. The fellowships are valued between 30% and 40% of tuition fees, depending on the type of fellowship as described in the MoU.
- Two IEEE Ad Hoc Committees reporting to the Board of Directors focusing on Region 8 specific issues have been established:
  - IEEE Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Africa, chaired by Vincent Kaabunga;
    - the Ad Hoc Committee shall review and report on IEEE current activities in Africa, including scope, geographical distribution, and observable trends;
    - the Ad Hoc Committee shall pursue collaborative opportunities with the IEEE-UNESCO Working Group (WG) and the Workforce Development Working Group of the IEEE Humanitarian Ad Hoc Committee; focus of the activities lie in the area of engineering capacity building and educational activities (at all levels: pre-university, university, and continuing education);
    - the Committee's goals include: (a) understand the ECT environment in Africa; (b) establish an effective pre-university ECT program in Africa; (c) develop engagement with ECT employers in Africa; (d) establish IEEE presence in ECT sectors in Africa; and (e) establish strategic partnerships focused in Africa.
  - IEEE Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Europe, chaired by Marko Delimar; the Ad Hoc Committee shall develop and oversee implementation of strategies to provide greater support to and a unified advocacy voice for the nearly 60,000 IEEE members who live within the countries of the European Union (EU). Top priorities for 2013 will include:
    - Identifying the common interests and needs of technologists in the EU, particularly those that span countries, and thus IEEE Sections.
    - Creating a greater sense of community among IEEE members in the EU.
    - Driving greater and more widespread consensus among EU technologists about technology policies that affect the lives of the European public, including, but not limited to, technical education, innovation, energy, information and communications, and health technologies.
    - Fostering dialogue between IEEE members in the EU and the appropriate governmental bodies of the EU, to enable members to more easily share their concerns and to enable the EU government to more easily obtain technologists' input in matters of importance in IEEE fields of interest.
    - Maximize working relationships between IEEE and national engineering societies in Europe in mutual pursuit of common goals.
    - Develop a model for sustainable support of IEEE Activities in Europe.
- Prior to the 100th Region 8 Committee meeting, the IEEE Presidents, accompanied by some IEEE Staff members, visited several countries in Africa; see also the above-mentioned Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Africa. This visit was highly appreciated by the Sections involved.
- VAT and its impact on IEEE volunteer events (Document prepared by Nihal Sinnadurai)

Below is the conclusion of a meeting in Piscataway between the Region 8 Director, Cheryl Sinauskas, David Galicki, Robert Danco, and Lucia Jones (by phone) on 10 May 2013, followed by a teleconference on 23 July 2013, in which Nihal Sinnadurai - among others - participated, as well.

The key statement by David E Galicki, Senior Director IEEE Tax Planning, to note is "Neither of these VAT compliance processes have any impact on IEEE Section and Chapter activity in Europe. Sections and Chapters are not required to charge VAT on event fees and file quarterly VAT returns".

The statement applies to events arranged by IEEE volunteers consistent with the status of IEEE being a Learned Institute and with its charitable status – i.e. for the enlightenment, improvement and benefit to the public. (New York State Charitable purposes include: “education, relief of poverty, cultural programs, promotion of health and research to cure disease, and many other purposes that are beneficial to the community”).

Because IEEE, as a non-EU organisation, does receive payments for its services, IEEE registered for VAT for such services in two different modes. The ‘VAT Compliance’ processes adopted by IEEE are:

- EU Special VAT Registration Scheme for Non-EU Businesses  
Since July 1, 2003, IEEE has been registered with the European Union to collect Value Added Taxes on all digital and electronic products sold to private individuals located in the EU. The EU special scheme allows IEEE to select one country to file one quarterly VAT return for all 27 (soon to be 28) EU countries. IEEE elected to file the quarterly EU filings with (UK) HM Customs and Excise, the authority responsible for collecting UK tax revenue. IEEE would not qualify under this Special Scheme if it was registered separately for VAT in any of the EU countries. See the attached document titled EU Special VAT Registration Scheme for a detailed explanation.
- IEEE's Conference Indirect Tax Compliance  
Beginning in 2007, IEEE developed a process for conferences to comply with VAT and other Indirect Tax requirements outside of the U.S. A separate (business) entity called IEEE International LLC was created to register in those countries where VAT or other Indirect Taxes are required to be collected on conference registration fees.

The IEEE Institute registered for VAT solely for its electronic sales to individuals, such as IEEE Digital Library downloads. As stated by the Senior Director IEEE Tax Planning, the VAT registration does not apply in any way to member events or activity. Otherwise all IEEE volunteer activity involving finance would require VAT accounting and reporting and be an impossible burden on our volunteers.

Business activities falling within the scope of IEEE LLC are conferences and exhibitions intended to be commercial and deliberately designed for profit, which are consequently subject to VAT compliance. Where volunteers elect to take advantage of the IEEE LLC registration they may do so by contacting the IEEE Indirect Tax department. There may be a benefit if a Chapter or Section elects to operate specific events through IEEE LLC because VAT payments made may then be recovered and repatriated to the organising volunteer Chapter or Section. Such an arrangement must be undertaken with full awareness of the significant workload involved in imposing and recording VAT on payments received, always obtaining VAT receipts for payments made, and recording and reporting all payments. Involving the IEEE department for Indirect Tax in the day-to-day activity of the event committee is not practical.

- Rolf A. Remshardt, born on 3 October 1936 and an active IEEE volunteer for 28 years (1983-2010), passed away on 16 July 2013. Below is a list of Rolf's major positions in IEEE.

1983-1998	Region 8 Treasurer
1998	Region 8 Director-Elect
1999-2000	Region 8 Director
2000-2002	Region 8 Sections Congress Coordinator
2001-2002	Region 8 Past Director / Region 8 Vice Chair Strategic Planning
2003-2004	Region 8 Vice Chair Membership Activities
2005-2006	Region 8 GOLD Coordinator = RAB GOLD Committee, Member
2007-2008	Region 8 Membership Development Chair

2003-2009	IEEE Foundation Board of Directors, Director
2003	IEEE Foundation Audit Committee, Member
2003	IEEE Foundation Projects Committee, Member
2004-2009	IEEE Foundation Projects Committee, Chair = Vice President Projects
2006	IEEE Foundation Development Committee, Member
2006-2009	IEEE Foundation Finance Committee, Member

1998-2000	IEEE Individual Benefits and Services Committee, Member
1999-2001	IEEE Audit Committee, Member
2001-2002	IEEE Nominations and Appointments Committee, Member
2001-2002	IEEE Strategic Planning Committee, Member
2003-2004	EAB Nominations and Appointments Committee, Member
2004-2005	RAB Finance Committee, Member
2004-2005	RAB Nominations and Appointments Committee, Member

2002-2003	Transnational Committee, Member
2008-2010	Service Awards Committee, Member

2002 Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award - For exemplary contributions in bringing the benefits of IEEE members and colleagues throughout Europe and for effective fiscal and financial leadership within IEEE Region 8.

2006 RAB Achievement Award - For outstanding strategic contributions towards establishing and nurturing the young professional community within Region 8 and throughout IEEE.

An obituary, prepared by Kurt R. Richter and Charles W. Turner, is available on the Region 8 website.

### Director's calendar since 1 January 2013

- 12-15 January 2013, Los Angeles, CA: Board Retreat and meeting, and MGA Board Retreat
- 25-27 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"
- 12-18 February 2013, Austin, TX: Board Series
- 23-24 February 2013, Sarajevo: Hotel inspection for the next Region 8 Committee meeting
- 6-7 March 2013, Amsterdam: Sections Congress venue inspection and SC Committee meeting
- 5-6 April 2013, Munich, Germany: Germany Section 50th Anniversary (12-07-1963)
- 19-21 April 2013, Madrid: 100th Region 8 Committee meeting
- 10 May 2013, Piscataway, NJ: Discussion about VAT issues in Europe
- 10-11 May 2013, Jersey City, NJ: MGA OpCom meeting
- 13-15 May 2013, Opole, Poland: 2nd Central European Student Branch Congress (CEuSBC)
- 30 May, Reykjavik: VFI-IEEE Award Ceremony
- 12 June 2013, London: Milestone ceremony - Gabor's invention of holography
- 26 June - 1 July 2013, San Diego, CA: Board Series
- 5 July 2013, Šibenik, Croatia: Milestone ceremony - Krka-Šibenik Electric Power System
- 12-14 July 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia: OpCom meeting
- 18-20 July 2013, Budapest: Hotel selection for the Region 8 Committee meeting, 5-6 April 2014
- 25 July 2013, Sarajevo: Arranging details with the hotel for the R8 Committee meeting, 5-6 October 2013
- 13 August 2013, London: IEEE Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Europe meeting
  
- 9-12 September 2013, Mauritius: AFRICON
- 13 September 2013, Johannesburg, South Africa: meeting with South Africa Institute of Electrical Engineers
- 30 September - 1 October 2013, Lisbon: working visit to Portugal Section with Peter Staecker
- 5-6 October 2013, Sarajevo: 101st Region 8 Committee meeting
- 13 November 2013, Antwerpen, Belgium: Benelux Section ExCom meeting
- 20-25 November 2013, New Brunswick, NJ: Board Series
- 11-12 January 2014, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Board of Directors Retreat and meeting
- ?? January 2014: OpCom meeting
- 12-17 February 2014, Los Angeles, CA: Board Series
- 5-6 April 2014, Budapest: 102nd Region 8 Committee meeting
- 13-16 April 2014, Beirut: MELECON
- 13-16 May 2014, Dubrovnik, Croatia: ENERGYCON



- ?? 2014: OpCom meeting
- 18-23 June 2014, New Brunswick, NJ: Board Series
- ?? June 2014: N&A Subcommittee meeting - OpCom candidates
- 7-10 August 2014, Krakow, Poland: SBC 2014 - Student Branch and GOLD Congress
- 21-22 August 2014, Amsterdam: 103rd Region 8 Committee meeting
- 22-24 August 2014, Amsterdam: Sections Congress
- 25 August 2014, Amsterdam: Board of Directors meeting
- 19-24 November 2014, New Brunswick, NJ: Board Series