IEEE R8 – Chapter Coordination Subcommittee 2013

**Members**

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**Mission**

Inspire, **Enable**, **Empower** and **Engage** Chapters of R8 for the purpose of:

- Fulfilling the mission of **IEEE**
- Enhancing the Chapter’s growth and development
- Providing a professional home

**Highlights**

- New Chapters
  - 18 new Chapters since April 2013 (12 of them being Student Branch Chapters)
  - 7 new Chapter applications currently being processed
- Student Branch meetings
  - IEEE Central Eastern SB Congress 2013, May 13-15, 2013, Opole, Poland
    - 21 countries & 17 IEEE sections' Student Branches from Central and Eastern Europe and others
    - More than 170 delegates
    - ChCSC represented by Simay Akar
    - Student Chapters Workshops to discuss benefits of Student
    - **Great Impact!**
The 101st
IEEE Region 8
Committee Meeting

IEEE Middle East SB Congress 2013, May 31 – June 1, 2013, Beirut, Lebanon
- ChCSC represented by Simay Akar
- > 120 Student & GOLD members from 12 countries
- Student Chapters Workshops to discuss benefits of Student
- IEEE R8 Director Elect also attended session
- Great Interaction!

Survey following Chapter Coordination Subcommittee Meeting
- IEEE R8ChCSC meeting held April 19, 2013, Madrid, Spain
- All attendees surveyed for feedback
- 12 (~50%) of attendees responded
- 8 “first time attendees”
- Survey addressed:
  - Value of presentations
  - Value of meeting
  - Length and frequency of meetings
- Services most valued/requested
- Plans for S/C Chapter Retreats
- Several highlights presented herein

  - Value of presentations (Top ranking = 1)

- Conclusions from survey
  - Continue holding meeting 1/yr
  - Consider extending to 6-8 hour meeting
  - Most topics of interest to attendees
  - Maybe survey before the meeting on topics of interest
  - Top Choice services to be developed
    - Consolidated "Best Practice" Manual
    - Chapter Online Newsletter
    - Chapter Leadership Training Webinars
  - Need to focus on those in near term

- Chapter of the Year Award
  - 2012 Chapter of the Year Award Presented to R&A Chapter from the Egypt Section
  - Working and thinking on the manner for soliciting more nominations and on how to improve and simplify the nomination process (maybe we need to require a simpler nomination process…)
  - Solicitation will begin shortly for 2013 nominations: The earlier the better!
Facebook Outreach

- IEEE Region 8 Chapters Facebook Page created by Simay
- Page very active, especially during “Chapter of the Year” contest
- Postings continuously added (recent postings on IEEE-Day)
- Also serves as "Newsletter" (Information and procedural reminders to chapters (time for elections, L-3 forms, etc.))
- More planned for the future

New Proposal: Best Student Branch Chapter of the Year Proposal

- Awarded to the most outstanding IEEE chapter in recognition of their activities in the previous calendar year
- Administration by R8 OpCom, Vice Chair TA and R8 ChCSC
- Motion to be presented during Sarajevo meeting

Future Activities

- Review & Recommend Director and Vice Chair approval of chapters & affinity groups formation in R8
- Work on:
  - Consolidated "Best Practice" Manual
  - Chapter Online Newsletter
  - Chapter Leadership Training Webinars
    - First webinar scheduled for Friday, 27th September, 19:00 PM UTC.
  - Create a regular timeline for ChCSC activities
  - Improve Process for Chapter of the Year Award Nomination
- Student Congresses after September 2013
  - IEEE UK&RI Student Branch & GOLD Congress 2013, 6-8 September, 2013-09-06
    - Place: University of Bath, UK
  - IEEE Hellenic Student Branch & GOLD Congress 2013, 1-3 November, 2013
    - Place: Nicosia, Cyprus
- Plans for 2014 pending information
  - Attend if possible (and funding pending) at least 2 such meetings/year
  - Students need to “know” R8 and we need to interact with the future of IEEE and the Region
• Early 2014, we need to reconfirm list of 2014 R8 S/C Chapter Coordinators
  o Previous responses from S/C presidents was "so so" (about 70% response)
  o Need to improve cooperation
• Society/Division Chapter Coordination meetings
  o Engage S/C Regional Chapter Coordinators to coordinate with ChCSC Chapter training sessions in conjunction with major conferences
  o R8 ChCSC could provide speakers/material upon request

Best Practices

■ Best Practice presentations/discussions
  o In Chapter Coordination meeting in Madrid
  o Will be collating and creating a “Best Practices Manual”
■ Best Practice Webinars
  o Webinars will start in near future
  o Chapter Chairs and S/C Chapter Coordinators were polled for topics of interest – feedback received and serves as basis for plans.
  o Topics of interest to Chapters, particularly to student branch chapters