IEEE R8 –Chapter Coordination Subcommittee 2013

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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!**

- o 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
    - o IEEE R8ChCSC meeting held April 19, 2013, Madrid, Spain
    - o All attendees surveyed for feedback
    - o 12 (~50%) of attendees responded
    - o 8 "first time attendees"
    - o 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)

Topics that received top ranking
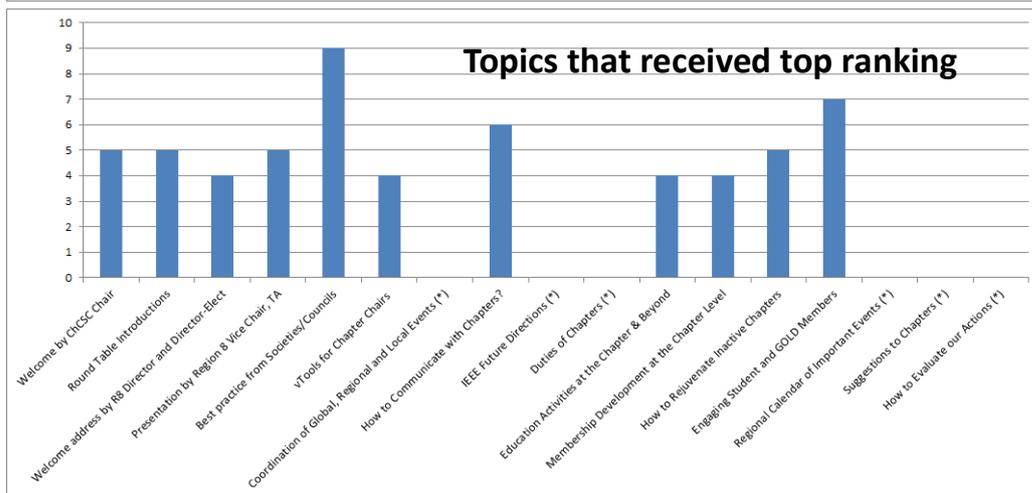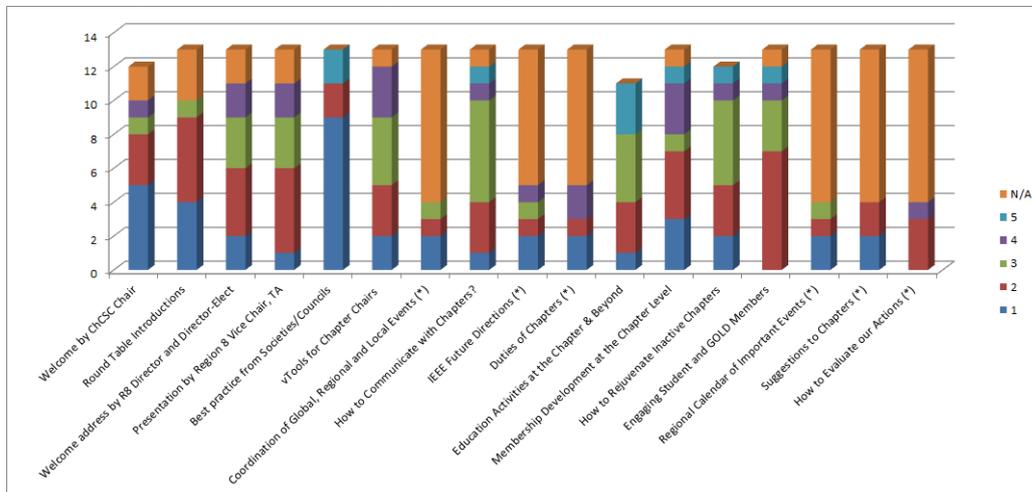
  - Conclusions from survey
    - Continue holding **meeting 1/yr**
    - Consider **extending to 6-8 hour meeting**
    - **Most topics of interest** to attendees
    - **Maybe survey before the meeting** on topics of interest
    - Top Choice services to be developed
      - **Consolidated "Best Practice" 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: <u>Best Student Branch Chapter of the Year</u> 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
  - Previous responses from S/C presidents was "so so" (about 70% response)
  - Need to improve cooperation
- 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

Best Practices

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