

Report from the Region 8 A & R Committee for the Agenda Book for the Sarajevo meeting

IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee
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The main focus for the A & R Committee continues to be to find ways of engaging our Sections and Chapters more actively in the promotion of IEEE awards among their members. Although there were significant successes this year, with 5 Technical Field Awards (TFAs) being awarded, together with a Best Paper award, there were no Medal winners from Region 8. A record number of IEEE Fellows were elected.

The call by the Committee for all Sections to appoint an Awards Officer/Co-ordinator has produced a generally poor response. By default, the Section Chair usually assumes this responsibility, but in many cases this has not been a satisfactory solution. The function of the Awards Officer needs to extend beyond the search for candidates for the Medals and TFAs: there are many other awards and recognitions, at Institute, Region, Section and Chapter levels that require a systematic approach to find good candidates and supporters, and to carry out the nomination procedures. The Committee will be contacting all Sections again shortly, to urge action in this initiative, and hopes that all Section Chairs will respond promptly. The name of the appointed Officer should be given a prominent place on the Section website.

Reviewing progress since the Madrid meeting:

Region 8 Awards:

- (i) The Iran Section received the Region 8 Outstanding Large Section Award at the Madrid meeting.
- (ii) Professor Samir Shaheen was given the Region 8 Volunteer Award and will receive the certificate at the meeting in Sarajevo.

(iii) The Croatia Section was nominated for the MGA Global Competition for the Outstanding Large Section, but was not selected for the award, which was won by the Boston Section from Region 1.

The A & R Committee congratulates all participants for their outstanding work on behalf of IEEE.

It is not too soon to consider next year's competitions, because there is a significant amount of administrative work behind every successful entry. Good record keeping is essential, so it is timely to review the regulations for the awards. The deadlines for submission of nominations are February 15th (Section Awards) and February 20th (Volunteer Award).

Similar remarks apply to the other Region 8 awards, including the Women in Engineering Clementine Saduwa Award (deadline December 31st 2013), the Chapter of the Year Award, and the GOLD and Student Awards.

Reminder: Nominations for the Class of 2014 IEEE Fellows must be submitted by March 1st 2014.

Further information and support for all awards and recognition issues is available from the A & R Committee.

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