

**IEEE Region 8
Jubilee Book Activities Report****Kurt R. Richter
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In preparation for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Region 8 a Jubilee Book Activities Group (JBAG) was established with K.R. Richter as coordinator and C.W. Turner as Chief Editor, both appointed by the R8 Director Marko Delimar in 2010.

From 2010 until 2013 this group initiated several additional projects and activities in context with the anniversary. Interim reports were given continuously at the Region 8 Committee meetings in written form and in presentations. The projects, some of which are not completed yet, are:

- Special Issue of the Region 8 News as a printed version of the "Jubilee Book"
(champions: C.W. Turner, Roland Saam)
- Provision of the electronic versions of the Minutes of all Region 8 Committee Meetings from 1962 on
(champions: K.R. Richter, M.J. Bastiaans)
- Research on early History of Region 8 (champion: M.J. Bastiaans)
- Anniversary Celebration(s) (champion: M.J. Bastiaans)
- Oral History: Interview of Past Directors (champion: A.C. Davies)
- Web-based Jubilee Book (champion: K.R. Richter)

The Core Group communicated by Skype conferences and individual calls as well as face-to-face meetings prior to or after the Region 8 Committee Meetings.

Future activities

The first four projects can be considered as completed. The Oral History and the Web-based Jubilee Book will never be completed since the history of IEEE Region 8 does not end with its 50th anniversary.

There are three issues which should be worked on in the future

1. Continuation of the Oral History project: interviews should be extended to former officers and appointed members of Region 8
2. The so called Web-based Jubilee Book which in fact should be some kind of an archive of Region 8 on the one hand, and on the other hand a combination between the History on the R8 Home page and the IEEE Global History Network (GHN).
3. NEW PROJECT: During the last meeting the idea came up to provide an information brochure about Region 8 similar to the Special Jubilee Issue of the R8 News for the Section Congress in Amsterdam in 2014, However, this brochure to be handed out to the participants of SC'14 will be much smaller than the Special Issue.

In a Skype meeting on August 22 the future actions necessary were discussed in principle. It was agreed that there is a strong overlap of the Post-JB Projects with the History and Life Member Activities in Region 8. Therefore, it is proposed that a new joint group should be established to discuss issues of mutual concern..

The JB Core Group, as it completes its task, hopes that the momentum that characterized the successful 50th Anniversary celebrations will be maintained by the formation of the new joint group.