

IEEE Region 8 Life Members Coordinator report –October 2013
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Life Member Groups in Region 8

Region 8 has about 70000 IEEE Members in 56 Sections, including 1384 Life Members (as of June 2013).

The First Life Member Group was formed in Israel in 2002 and additional LMAGswere formed in 2004, 2006 and 2010. During 2011 new Life Member Groups have been formed in Greece, Hungary and Slovenia. Now we have LM Groups in 10 Sections.

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Several Sections have been contacted in order to form additional LM Groups, especially Benelux and Germany who have more than 100 Life Members. Benelux Section seeks a candidate for LMAG Chair.

Life Members Coordination in Region 8

Since 2005 the Region 8 Committee includes a Regional Life Member Coordinator.

Here are the counts of Life Members on June 2013.

Section	Life Members on June 2013	Section Name	Life Members-June 2013
Austria	20	Malta	1
Benelux	111	Nigeria	2
Croatia, LMG	15	Norway	33
Cyprus	3	Poland	18
Czechoslovakia	2	Portugal	6
Denmark	30	Qatar	1
Egypt	31	Rep of Macedonia	1
Finland	28	Romania	9
France, LMG	81	Russia NW	1
Germany	174		
Greece, LMG	24	Saudi Arabia	5
Hungary. LMG	11	Serbia&Montenegro	6
Iceland	2	Slovenia, LMG	12
Israel, LMG	106	South Africa	11
Italy, LMG	106	Spain, LMG	43
Jordan	4	Sweden	86
Kenya	1	Switzerland, LMG	161
Kuwait	2	Turkey	11
Latvia	1	UK&RI, LMG	221
Lebanon	3	Ukraine	3
Western Saudi	1	UAE	4

Outstanding LM Groups in Region 8

During years 2009-2013 some of our LM Groups (Israel four times, Croatia and UK&RI twice, Italy once) have been recognized by the IEEE LM Committee as Outstanding Life Member (LM) Affinity Groups. The Outstanding LM Affinity Groups identification is based on the number of LM events held, the average attendance at those events, and the number of contributors to the IEEE Life Members Fund (LMF).

Exemplary Activities

The Israel LM Group organizes yearly 3-4 "Technical Friday" meetings with over 200 participants in each. Actually the group has initiated HISTELCON 2015 - an International Conference on History of Technology.

The Spain LM Group is active in giving presentations in secondary schools to attract students to study engineering. Another aspect is related with History activities. They intend to promote a Milestone related to telegraphy principles.

In the UK&RI Section the LMAG Committee held five meetings in London which included: review of Oral History techniques; planning & writing R8 Jubilee Book material. Several LMAG members supported the UK&RI Section Student Branch Meeting in September 2011. The re-vitalisation of Imperial College Student Branch is a continuing project. At the 2011 Autumn UK&RI section meeting, plans were outlined for a new initiative to select Life Members to act as Patrons/Mentors for Student Branches.

In 2012 the Student Branch mentoring initiative in the UK&RI LM Group took shape. Further activities were sketched for finding LMs who would "adopt" an SB and offer valid support to them on a continuing basis. Contributions to the R8 Jubilee Book project continue. Two LMAGs assisted in designing (and producing) the 50 Years TimeLine Brochure which was as souvenir to all R8 members. The first "Oral History Interview of Past Directors of R8" got started with an interview with Reg Russell (second Director).

Such examples could be a good encouragement for the formation of new Life Member Groups in many of our Sections in Region 8.

2013 activities

Greece LMAG- Activities are planned for October 2013 (speaker: Mr Andreadis) and for December 2013 (speaker: Mr Gialelis).

Israel LMAG - Two "Technical Fridays" were held: in March, on "The Electromagnetic Spectrum" and in June on "The Ciber arena". Each had about 200 participants. Two additional are planned until end of 2013.

Switzerland LMAG - A first LMAG meeting was held during Section's AGM in Neuchâtel on Thursday May 30, 2013. On Sept.9, 2013 a workshop will be held in Lausanne LMAG members are working on a Milestone.

Other LMAGs have not reported until the issue of this report.

A "Life Members page" has been included into the "Member activities" part of IEEE Region 8 web-site.

Future activities

A proposal has been sent to MGA and Region 8 that at the occasion of Sections Congress 2014 one day should be a "Life Members Day" with special sessions and activities for IEEE Life Members.

Life Members will be incited to write "First Hand Histories" to be stored in IEEE GHN, in order to commemorate their activities and their participation in Technological developments.

Life Members will be invited to assist their section to initiate IEEE Milestone Proposals on events performed in their area more than 25 years ago.

It is intended to publish more information on Life Members and their activities in "Region 8 News".

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