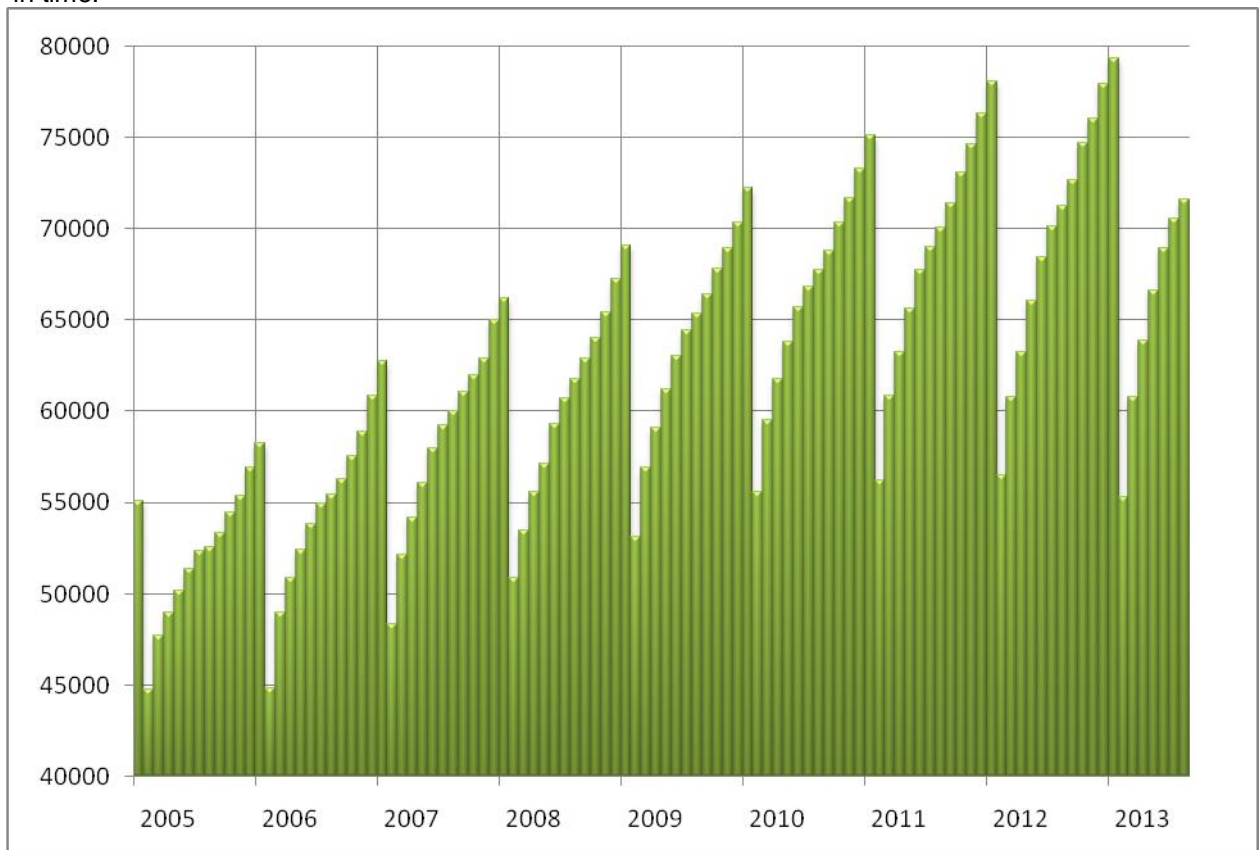


VC Member Activities Report October 2013**Aleksandar Szabo****Overview**

- As R8 VC for Member Activities I am working with the following Coordinators/Subcommittees
 - Membership Development (MD)
 - Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)
 - Professional Activities (PA)
 - Women in Engineering (WIE)
 - Life Members (LM)
 - History Activities (HA)
 - R8 News
 - Electronic Communication (EC)
 - Section Congress (SC)
 - R8 Jubilee Book
- All the Coordinators/Subcommittees have been asked to submit their individual reports about their activities. You can find their reports in the printed Sarajevo Agenda Book (up to two pages) and at the Sarajevo Meeting web page (two of them with an extended version). I am asking you to read them carefully.

Some brief comments about the Subcommittees/Coordinators Activity

- The Membership Development Subcommittee is working with all our Sections on recruiting, retaining and recovering members. Every member of the Subcommittee is doing his part of the job taking care about all parts of our big Region and many Sections. MD Workshops are prepared. MD Monthly Reports and Newsletters are sent out regularly. The membership statistics is showing an increase from month to month in the period from March till January. Since many members have not renewed for 2013 we had a significant drop of membership in February. The drop is higher from year to year. Since March the membership has been increased from month to month by recovering of the deactivated members and by recruiting of new members. We are now at the beginning of the new 2014 Membership Year. All Sections are asked to be active in recruiting new members and encouraging members to renew for 2014 in time.



- The GOLD Subcommittee was very active and it has done its job very well. The visibility of the GOLD Program has been increased among students by participating in four cross sectional Student Branch Congresses. I would like to point out the cooperation between GOLD, SAC and PA. The GOLD SC encourages the activity and reporting of existing GOLD Affinity Groups. New ones have been formed. Several new programs have been started.
- The Professional Activities Subcommittee started a good initiative by organizing together with the GOLD SC and the local volunteers a workshop at EUROCON in Zagreb. There is still a need to increase the number of Section PA Officers and the activity on the Section level. Some initiatives in that direction are planned.
- The WIE Subcommittee is successfully increasing the activity and participation of women in R8. They are supporting activities aimed at encouraging science and engineering careers for women
- The number of Life Member Affinity Groups is still low (only 10). In many Sections we have more than enough Life Members to form Life Member Affinity Groups and strong efforts have to be done in this direction. It is also important to keep active the existing Groups by organizing meetings and timely reporting of them.
- In History Activities two oral histories have been done and two Milestones were dedicated. There are great possibilities for new Milestones. Life Members can help in these activities on the Section level.
- This year the editors of the R8 News have been very busy together with a big team in producing the Jubilee R8 News. Now they are back at their normal work improving our regular R8 News..
- Our Electronic Communication Coordinator is successfully facilitating the communication in the Region 8 Committee and between the Committee and the IEEE members in our Region.
- We need to work on our proposals to the 2014 Section Congress.
- Concerning the Jubilee Book most of the projects have been successfully completed. The Oral History project will continue. The idea came up to provide an information brochure about Region 8 similar (but much smaller) to the Special Jubilee Issue of the R8 News for the Section Congress in Amsterdam in 2014

Future Activities

- Preparation of proposals for the 2014 Sections Congress
- 2014 Student Branch and GOLD Congress
- Continue to improve the cooperation between Subcommittees/Coordinators by helping each other and working together on common projects
- Continue to establish regional teams for MD, GOLD, PA, WIE, LM, HA etc. consisting of single Regional Subcommittees/Coordinators and the corresponding Section officers
- Encouraging and helping the formation of new organizational units (Subsections, Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups)
- Helping the operation of existing organizational units
- Organizational units vitality
- Membership renewal in time
- Reporting in time
- New Milestones

Web Pages

- Information about Member Activities and links for different MA Subcommittees/Coordinators are available at <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/>

Other

- I am a member of the IEEE MGA Geographic Units Operation and Support (GUOS) Committee. At the moment we are working on conditions for improving the vitality of organizational units (regions, sections, chapters, affinity groups)
- I am a member of the Membership Recruitment and Recovery (MRR) Committee. The MRRC has two main goals: recruiting new members and making sure that current members stay