

**IEEE Women in Engineering Report October 2013****Joyce Mwangama****Highlights from the past**

- Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units
  - 3-15 May : WIE Workshop at Central European Student Branch Congress, Poland
  - 28 May – 1 June : WIE talk at the Middle East Student Branch congress, Lebanon
  - 19 June: WIE @ LYIT 2013 Presents – Selected Topics in Enterprise Applications Development, Ireland UKRI
  - 21 June: IEEE WIE online live chats by Tazeen Sharif from Region 8, online
  - 6 September: IEEE WIE online live chats by Veronica Bermudez, Region 8
  - 6 - 8 September: WIE workshop at United Kingdom and Ireland Student Branch Congress, Bath UK
  - 9 September: WIE @ IEEE AFRICON - Mauritius

**Future activities**

1. Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units
  - a. IE Business School - R8 IEEE Women in Engineering Scholarship
  - b. Preparations for WIE at 2014 Sections Congress – WIE is planning to host the 20th Celebration since WIE established at SC14
  - c. WIE track at SBC 2014

**Best practices**

- Supporting activities aimed at encouraging science and engineering careers for women.
- Organize training for volunteers by organizing congresses
- Presence at student congresses and at annual regional congresses
- Organize awards for SB volunteers and Section volunteers from the region which will be submitted for the global WIE awards competition

**Points of concern/Topics for future discussion**

- Sections without WIE Affinity Groups
- Sections with inactive WIE Affinity Groups / Student Affinity Groups
- IEEE Region 8 WIE Section/Student Branch Affinity Group awards to encourage volunteer participation

**Miscellaneous**

- As of July 2013 IEEE WIE membership in Region 8 – Europe, Africa and Middle East was at 2086 members (2256 July '12).
- Section Affinity Groups (AGs) in the region total 26, while Student Branch AGs total 57, 83 altogether.
- Petitions:
  - One new SBAG in 2013 approved.
  - Four SBAGs pending approval
- R8 WIE is on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/IEEER8WIE>
- R8 WIE site <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/women-in-engineering/>