

**Margaretha A K Eriksson (M'95, SM'04)**

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**Candidate for IEEE Region 8 Director Elect**

**BIOGRAPHY**

Margaretha Eriksson received her M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from The Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, in 1988. In 1989 she founded Irbis Konsult AB, a consulting company involved with Engineering Management, Information and Cyber Security. Margaretha has consulted with international corporations as IBM, SAP, Oracle, Microsoft, Ericsson, Saab, ABB, Bombardier, Tetra Pak, and Volvo.

She is a PhD student in Information Security since 2006 at Stockholm University/KTH.

Since 2010 she is lecturing on Risk analysis and Information Security at Halmstad University.

Margaretha has worked internationally at JCI ([jci.cc](http://jci.cc)), a global NGO working with leadership and entrepreneurial development since 1983, as a skilled and inspiring trainer, and international leader. She was awarded "Most outstanding JCI Senator in the World" 2006. She has served on the board of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe 2007-2012 and as the President 2012-2013. She lives by the Baltic Sea close to Stockholm, Sweden.

**IEEE ACTIVITIES**

**COMMITTEES/BOARDS: (IEEE Major Boards and Committees)**

Engineering Management Society, BoG member, 2002-2007

WIE Committee, member, 2002-2005

WIE Newsletter editor, 2005-2006

**REGIONS: (Region 8 and others)**

Region 8 Strategic Planning Committee, member 2009-2010

Region 8 Executive Committee, member 2009-2010

Member of Baltic Support & Cooperation group

Region 8 Professional Activities (Sub)Committee, Trainer, 2004-

Region 8 Membership Development, Chair 2003

Region 8 Industry Relations Committee, founding member 2002-2003

Region 8 Educational Activities Committee, member 2003

Region 8 SSIT Coordinator 2002-2003

Region 8 N&A; Committee, member 2000-2002

Region 8 Chapter Coordination Subcommittee, member 2001 (EM and PC Societies)

Region 8 Executive Committee, member 1999 - 2003

Region 8 EMS, PCS Coordinator 1998-2003

**SECTIONS/CHAPTERS:**

Sweden Section Board member, 1996-

Sweden Section PACE member, 2012-

Sweden Section Past Chair, 2010

Sweden Section Chair, 2009-2010

Sweden Section Vice Chair 2002-2008

Conference organiser of Region 8 meeting in Stockholm, Sweden 2004

Sweden Section Chair 1999-2002

Sweden Section Vice Chair, 1996-1998

Delegate to Sections Congress:

1999 in Minneapolis, 2002 in Washington DC, 2005 in Tampa, Florida

**STUDENT BRANCHES:**

KTH Student Branch, co-founder, mentor

BTH Student Branch, mentor

Workshop leader at SBCs in Maribor, Cairo, and Leuven.

## CONFERENCES:

GOLD/PACE 2010, Leuven, Belgium, leading workshop  
2nd IEEE Benelux GOLD weekend, 2009, Ghent, Belgium, leading workshop  
IEMC 2007, Austin, Texas, USA  
IEMC 2006, Salvador, Bahia, Brasil  
IPCC 2005, Limerick, Ireland  
Africon, 2004, Gaborone, Botswana, leading workshop  
Telfor 2003, Belgrade, Serbia, leading workshop  
Connecting Engineers with Pre-university Community, 2003, Nice, France, leading workshop  
Membership Development Retreat, New Jersey 2003  
IEMC 2002, Cambridge, UK, Chapter Chair Workshop  
Africon 2002 in George, South Africa, leading workshop  
Melecon 2002 in Cairo, Egypt, leading workshop  
Eurocon 2001 in Belgrade, Serbia, leading workshop  
IEMC 2000, Albuquerque, USA

## AWARDS:

### **IEEE EAB Meritorious Achievement Award in Continuing Education 2012**

"For exceptional leadership in organizing and delivering practical leadership and management training to young entrepreneurs, IEEE students and Graduates Of the Last Decade"

### **IEEE R8 Presidential Award 2007**

"For leadership and outstanding service in pioneering workshops on the development of Leadership Skills and Project Management 2001 - 2005"

### **IEEE MGA Leadership Award: 2002**

For stimulating and promoting the formation of technical chapters and promoting the value of the IEEE membership at regional conferences within IEEE Region 8.

## OTHER: (Society Memberships)

PCS

WIE

TMC, former EMS

SSIT

## QUALIFICATIONS

I am a past Sweden Section Chair, and I have established new technical chapters, coordinated their activities in R8, created WIE groups, and conducted successful Senior Member elevations. I co-founded the R8 Industrial Relations Committee to present IEEE to Industry management. I introduced the Project management and Leadership training programs in R8, and created the Trainer's training for future trainers. I have conducted 80 training events at conferences, SB events, and Sections Congress. I worked in the Baltic support team for sections in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. I was the R8 Membership Development Chair 2003, and created a forum for all Section MD chairs, for sharing practical experience and create opportunities for cooperation. I served on the EMS Board (now TMC), and the WIE board as Newsletter Editor.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Introducing a Continuing Education program for Project Management and Leadership training in R8, first taking part in training in Atlanta, USA, and then introducing the program in R8.
- Setting up a trainer's training program with the aim to develop future trainers for the Project Management and Leadership training programs, and conduct training events in R8.
- Establishing the R8 Industrial Relations Committee in R8, as founding member, being part of the committee 2002-2003.
- Making sure there is an appointed female WIE representative in the R8 board.
- Organized the R8 meeting in Stockholm 2004

## **POSITION STATEMENT**

As Director Elect I will support the Director and work together with the R8 board and committees, carefully listening to the current needs of the R8Section representatives, as well as guidelines and best practice from other regions.

I will always look for possible improvements and ways to add value to the IEEE members of R8, as well as globally. Our region Europe, Middle East and Africa is a diverse collection of countries with a variety of needs. I will support efficient and timely communication about our events and activities, using the latest electronic aids as much as possible, and paper print when needed.