

V/C Member Activities

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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 Budapest Agenda Book and at the Budapest Meeting web page (some of them extended). I am asking you to read them carefully.

Some brief comments about the Subcommittees/Coordinators activity and highlights from the past

- 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 and Subsections. An MD Workshop has been held in London in October 2013 and the next one will be held in Dubai in March 2014. 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 2014 we had a significant drop of membership in February. In February 2013 the membership was lower than in February 2012. In February 2014 we could change the trend, and the membership become higher than in February 2013. We started with the recovering of the deactivated members and with recruiting new members. We expect an increase of membership from month to month. All Sections are asked to be active in recruiting new members and encouraging deactivated members to renew for 2014.
- The Young Professional (former GOLD) Subcommittee was very active and it has done its job very well. The visibility of the YP Program has been increased among students by participating in cross sectional Student Branch Congresses. The YPSC encourages the activity and reporting of existing YP Affinity Groups. New YP Affinity Groups have been formed. Several new programs (like Company branches Program) have been started. I would like to point out the cooperation between YPSC, SAC and PASC. In 2014 we have two new members in our YPSC.
- In 2013 the Professional Activities Subcommittee started a good initiative by organizing together with the YPSC 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. PASC is looking for new speakers and several workshops are planned for 2014. As the new PASC Chair for 2014 we have Urmet Janes from the 2013 PASC and two new members. The PASC has also five corresponding members including the Past Chair Jan Verveccken.
- The WIE Subcommittee is successfully increasing the activity and participation of women in R8. New WIE affinity groups have been formed.
- In many Sections we have more than enough Life Members to form Life Member Affinity Groups. It is also important to keep active the existing Groups by organizing meetings and timely reporting of them. After having only 10 LM Affinity Groups in R8 for a long time, a new one has been formed in the Germany Section. It will be published more about Life Member activities in R8 News. The Israel Section LMAG is active in organizing the next HISTELCON 2015.
- In History Activities there are great possibilities for new Milestones. A simplified guide explaining the steps for Milestones processing can be found on our webpage <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/history-activities/>. On the Section level Life Members can help a lot in these activities.
- Our Section Congress Coordinator is fully involved into SC 2014 activities and reporting about it to the R8 Committee.
- Our Region 8 News editors are doing their job very well.
- 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.

Future activities

- Preparation and participation at the 2014 Sections Congress in Amsterdam
- Preparation and participation at the 2014 Student and Young Professionals Congress in Krakow
- 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 and their vitality
- Member recruiting and retention
- New Milestones

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Timely organizing elections and timely reporting of Section officers

Miscellaneous

- Awards and recognitions at the Section level
- More use of Distinguished Lecturers programs

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. We are working on conditions for improving the vitality of organizational units (regions, sections, chapters, affinity groups). Have you visited the Section Vitality dashboard www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/dashboard.html? I would like to point out that according to the MGA Operations Manual Section/Councils shall be responsible for distributing funds to its Chapters in accordance with a stated set of objectives and a plan of distribution, which shall be in consonance with the missions of the IEEE, MGA and TAB. Chapters are entitled to receive the funds generated by their own activities, including dues rebates (earned during the preceding year as computed by the Dues Rebate formula).
- I am Vicechair of the IEEE MGA Membership Recruitment and Recovery (MRR) Committee. The MRRC has two main goals: recruiting new members and making sure that current members stay.