

Women in Engineering Coordinator**Joyce Mwangama****Highlights from the past**

- Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units
 - 15 - 17 March 2013: WIE Workshop at Iberian Student Branch Congress, Portugal
 - 3 - 15 May 2013: 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
 - 6 - 8 September: WIE workshop at United Kingdom and Ireland Student Branch Congress, Bath UK
 - 9 September: WIE @ IEEE AFRICON - Mauritius
 - 17-20 Nov 2013: WIE talk at EEE GCC Conference Doha, Qatar.
 - 04 Dec 2013: IEEE WIE STAR Program Webinar [EASC] by WIEEC Chair Nita Patel
 - Ongoing: IEEE WIE online live, online. Past Speakers from Region 8 include
 - Tazeen Sharif
 - Veronica Bermudez
 - Simay Akar
 - Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier
 - past chats can be accessed online at http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/women/women_events.html

Future activities

- IEEE WIE-ILC - International Leadership Conference
- Preparations for WIE at 2014 Sections Congress - WIE is planning to host the 20th Celebration since WIE established at SC14
- 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 November 2013 IEEE WIE membership in Region 8 - Europe, Africa and Middle East was at 2344 members (2565 Nov '12).
- Section Affinity Groups (AGs) in the region total 28, while Student Branch AGs total 57, 85 altogether.
- New Affinity Groups
 - University of Aberdeen Women in Engineering Student Affinity Group.
 - Blekinge Inst of Technology, Women In Engineering Student Affinity Group.
 - Universidade de Aveiro, Women In Engineering Student Affinity Group.
 - ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon, Women in Engineering Student Affinity Group.
- R8 WIE is on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/IEEEER8WIE>
- R8 WIE site <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/women-in-engineering/>
- Announcement of Clementina Saduwa Award Winner 2014