**V/C Student Activities**

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**Highlights from the past**

- The Following awards are given this year to our outstanding students and Student Branches. Congratulations to all!
  
  1) Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award
     
     - Award Citation: IEEE is pleased to present this certificate to XYZ Region 8 Exemplary Student Branch Award for exemplary performance as an IEEE Student Branch during the 2013-2014 academic year.
     
     - List of awarded SBs:
       - a) Alexandria University (Egypt) - STB10051
       - b) Cairo University (Egypt) - STB03111
       - c) Faculty of Computer Information - Helwan University (Egypt) - STB66471
       - d) Arab Academy for Science Technology - Alexandria (Egypt) STB61721
       - e) University of Thessaly - Lamia (Greece) - STB66241
       - f) University of Salento (Italy) - STB10101
       - g) Hashemite University (Jordan) - STB61971
       - h) University of Malta (Malta) - STB81561
       - i) Blekinge Institute of Technology (Sweden) - STB12021
       - j) Middle East Technical University (Turkey) - STB14401
       - k) University of Southampton (UKRI) - STB09551
       - l) Johannes Kepler University of Linz (Austria) - STB28721

  2) Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award
     
     - Award Citation: "IEEE takes pleasure in presenting the certificate to Josip Balen, 2014 Region 8 MGA Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award Winner".
     
     - Laureate Name: Josip Balen
     
     - Student Branch: Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia)
     
     - Name of extraordinary accomplishment: IEEEmadC - IEEE Mobile Applications

- Additionally, the Student Paper Contest Finals took place in April 2014, in Beirut during MELECON. 3 prizes were awarded, from the IEEE Life Member Fund, to:
  
  - I prize: Diploma and 800 USD (cash award amount):
    Slobodan Mitrovic (92860979): "Homometric Sets in Diameter-two and Outerplanar Graphs", cole polytechnique federale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland EPFL Student Branch, from which the I prize winner of the SPC 2014 came from, will receive the Region 8 "Dick Poortvliet Award", an amount of USD 250;
  
  - II prize: Diploma and 500 USD (cash award amount):
  
  - III prize: Diploma and 200 USD (cash award amount):
    Nicolas Van der Noot (92784951), Allan Barrea (92891793): "Zero-Moment Point on a Bipedal Robot under Bio-Inspired Walking Control", Catholique University of Louvain (Jt.CAS-004/ED-015), Benelux

**Future activities**

- The largest Student activity which will be organized this year in Region 8 is the Student and Young Professional Congress 2014, taking place 6-10 August in Krakow, Poland Section. Check out the web site for details www.sypkrakow.pl.

  More details will be given in Amsterdam

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

- Revitalization Project outcome, which will be opened for discussion as an item during the Region 8 Meeting in Amsterdam.

**Miscellaneous**

- There has been new branch applications during the last three months, but the team has been fully overloaded with the Student and Young Professional Congress preparations. We expect this problem to be solved by the R8 Meeting and publish the new branches on our web page.