

List of Participants

Full Name	Position
Martin Bastiaans	R8 Director
Costas Stasopoulos	R8 Director-Elect
Marko Delimar	R8 Past-Director
Ali El-Mousa	R8 Secretary
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Aleksandar Szabo	R8 Vice Chair Member Activities
Pablo Herrero	R8 Vice Chair Student Activities
Carl Debono	R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities
Peter Roessler	Austria Section Chair
Wafeeq Ajoor	Bahrain Section Chair
Valentin Baranov	Belarus Section Chair
Luc Vandendorpe	Benelux Section Chair
Dusanka Boskovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina Section Chair
Georgi Stoyanov	Bulgaria Section Awards & Recognition Committee Chair
Mislav Grgic	Croatia Section Chair
Marios Antoniou	Cyprus Section Chair
Jan Vrba	Czechoslovakia Section Chair
Ole Lauridsen	Denmark Section Chair
Ahmed Darwish	Egypt Section Chair / R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member
Kalle Tammemäe	Estonia Section Chair
Rafal Sliz	Finland Section Vice-Chair / R8 GOLD Chair
Amara Amara	France Section Chair
Rajan John	Ghana Section Chair
Athanasio Skodras	Greece Section Chair / R8 Sections Congress Coordinator
Peter Kadar	Hungary Section Chair
Saemundur Thorsteinsson	Iceland Section Chair
Mahmud Fotuhi-Firuzabad	Iran Section Chair
Dario Petri	Italy Section Chair
Mohamed Abdelazeez	Jordan Section Chair
Aniruddha Shahapure	Kenya Section Chair
Fadhel Abulhasan	Kuwait Section Treasurer
Leonids Ribickis	Latvia Section Chair
Ghassan Shaban	Lebanon Section Chair
Dalius Navakauskas	Lithuania Section Chair
Edward Gatt	Malta Section Secretary
Gloria Chukwudebe	Nigeria Section Chair
Yuming Jiang	Norway Section Chair
Amer Saif Al-Hinai	Oman Section Chair
Ryszard Jachowicz	Poland Section Chair
Ana Madureira	Portugal Section Vice Chair
Ljupco Karadzinov	Republic of Macedonia Section Chair
Cristian Negrescu	Romania Section Vice Chair
Sergey Shaposhnikov	Russia (North West) Section Vice Chair
Muhammad Al-Dhamen	Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair
Natasia Neskovic	Serbia and Montenegro Section Chair
Urban Burnik	Slovenia Section Chair
Shaun Kaplan	South Africa Section Secretary
Emilio Corchado	Spain Section Vice Chair
Mats Edvinsson	Sweden Section Chair
Maria-Alexandra Paun	Switzerland Section Secretary
Jaleddine Ben Hadj Slama	Tunisia Section Vice Chair
Gözde Bozdagi Akar	Turkey Section Chair ad interim
Ievgen Pichkalyov	Ukraine Section Vice Chair
Essa Basaeed	United Arab Emirates Secretary
Stephen Nightingale	United Kingdom and Rep of Ireland Section Chair / R8 Industry Relations SC Member
Charles Turner	R8 Awards and Recognition Chair
Jef Beerten	R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member
Victor Fouad Hanna	R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member
Elya Joffe	R8 Chapter Coordination Chair

Simay Akar	R8 Chapter Coordination SC Member - SB Chapters
Jan Haase	R8 Conference Coordination Chair
Stefano Zanero	R8 Conference Coordination SC Member
Fotini-Niovi Pavlidou	R8 Educational Activities Chair - Continuing Education
Sohaib Qamar Sheikh	R8 Educational Activities SC Member - Pre-university
Rui Costa	R8 Educational Activities SC Member - University
George Michael	R8 Electronic Communications Coordinator
Kurt Richter	R8 History Activities SC Member
Terje Gjengedal	R8 Industry Relations Chair
Andreas Neumeier	R8 Industry Relations SC Member
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Shashank Gaur	R8 Professional Activities SC Member
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Piotr Graca	R8 Student Awards and Contest Coordinator
Efthymia Arvaniti	R8 Student Branch Coordinator
Djordje Paunovic	R8 Student Paper Contest Coordinator
Christian Schmid	R8 Student Representative
Daniel Pasquet	R8 Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator
Joyce Mwangama	R8 Women in Engineering Coordinator
Ana Katalinic	R8 Young Professionals SC Member
Elena Pareja	R8 Young Professionals SC Member
Fisseha McKuria	IEEE Africon 2015 Chair
Patrick Mahoney	IEEE Chief Marketing Officer
Tara Wisniewski	IEEE Corporate Development Director
Toshi Fukuda	IEEE Director Region 10
Burton Dicht	IEEE Educational Activities Director, University Programs
Doug Gorham	IEEE Educational Activities Managing Director
Karine Iffour	IEEE Europe Business Development Director
Jim Prendergast	IEEE Executive Director and COO
Bakr Hassan	IEEE Gulf Region Accreditation Subcommittee
Cheryl Sinauskas	IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Director, Geographic Activities
Cecelia Jankowski	IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Managing Director
Peter Staecker	IEEE Past President (2013)
Howard Michel	IEEE President-Elect
Barry Shoop	IEEE President-Elect candidate
Fred Mintzer	IEEE President-Elect candidate
Diogo Monica	IEEE Public Visibility Committee Chair
Gianluca Setti	IEEE Vice President, Publication Services and Products
Margaretha Eriksson	R8 Director-Elect Candidate
Magdalena Salazar Palma	R8 Director-Elect Candidate / Sections Congress Chair
Eric Berkowitz	C016 – Computer Rep.
Simonetta Turtu	CSC041* - Council on SuperConductivity
Ho Yeol Kwon	Dean, SECE, AAit/AAU
Jeszenszky Sándor	Elektrotechnikai Múzeum
Blake Lloyd	IA Society President
Aneesh Rajeev	IA Society SB Chapter Chair, Kerala Section
Preethys Vinodh Warriar	IA Society SB Chapter Vice Chair
Ilya Galkin	IA/IE/PEL Societies Joint Chapter Chair, Latvia Section
Péter Magyar	IA034 - Industry Applications
Christoph Stiller	ITS038 - Intelligent Transportation Systems
Andrejs Romanovs	Latvia Section Vice Chair
Imad Elhadj	Lebanon Section Vice Chair
Jan Machac	MTT017 - Microwave Theory and Techniques
Carmelina Ruggiero	NANO042* - Nanotechnology Council
Balint Domolki	Neumann Társaság

Dereje Hailemariam	Africon 2015
Ioannis Kakadiaris	BIO046* - Biometrics Council
David Guerra	Broadcast Technology Society
Steven Gold	NPS005 - Nuclear and Plasma Sciences
Igor Kuzle	PE - Power & Energy Society R8 Chapter Coordinator
Tamas Haidegger	RA024 - Robotics and Automation

Saturday

101. Call to order

The Region 8 Director, **Martin Bastiaans**, opened the 102nd IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting by welcoming everyone and then asked the R8 Secretary, **Ali El-Mousa** if there was a quorum and the secretary replied in the affirmative.

103. Welcome

Peter Kadar, Hungary Section Chair, welcomed everybody to Budapest and the IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting.

104. Introduction of Section Representatives

The R8 Director, **Martin Bastiaans** asked the section representatives to introduce themselves and identify their position.

105. Introductory Remarks

The Region 8 Secretary, **Ali El-Mousa**, made some introductory remarks about the importance of adhering to the announced schedule. He also explained some logistics issues related to the workshops that were to be held in the afternoon.

106. Adoption of the Agenda

The R8 director presented the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously as shown below.

AGENDA

Saturday, 5 April 2014

Time	#	Type	Item	Presenter
8:00	101	Procedural	Call to order	Bastiaans
8:05	102	Procedural	Roll call	El-Mousa
8:10	103	Procedural	Welcome	Kadar
8:15	104	Procedural	Introduction of new officers	El-Mousa
8:25	105	Procedural	Introductory remarks	Bastiaans/El-Mousa
8:30	106	Action	Approval of the agenda	Bastiaans
8:35	107	Action	Approval of the consent agenda	Bastiaans
8:40	108	Discussion	Directors address	Bastiaans
8:55	109	Discussion	IEEE President-Elect's address	Michel
9:10	110	Discussion	IEEE Executive Director's address	Prendergast
9:25	111	Discussion	Secretary's report	El-Mousa
9:40	112	Discussion	Treasurer's report	Harrington
10:00	113	Discussion	Strategic Planning	Delimar
10:15	114	Procedural	Break	
10:45	115	Discussion	Member Activities report	Szabo
			GOLD to Young Professionals transition	Sliz
11:45	116	Discussion	MGA Past Chair's address	Shoop
12:00	117	Discussion	MGA Managing Director's address	Jankowski

12:45	118	Procedural	Recess	Bastiaans
12:50			Group photo	
13:00			Lunch	
14:00	201	Procedural	Call to order	Bastiaans
14:05	202	Discussion	Public visibility	Monica/Mahoney
14:30	203	Discussion	IEEE's visibility in the Egypt Section	Darwish
14:45	204	Procedural	Break up in groups	Stasopoulos
14:50	205	Discussion	Discussions I: Increase IEEE's footprint	
15:35	206	Procedural	Break (in the break-out rooms)	
15:50	207	Discussion	Discussions II: Increase IEEE's footprint	
16:35	208	Procedural	Recess	

Sunday, 6 April 2014

Time	#	Type	Item	Presenter
8:00	301	Procedural	Call to order and roll call	Bastiaans/El-Mousa
8:05	302	Discussion	Sections Congress 2014	Salazar-Palma/Skodras
8:15	303	Discussion	President-Elect candidates debate	Zanero/Mintzer/Shoop
9:00	304	Discussion	Student Activities report	Herrero
			Student and Young Professional Congress	Borowka/Schmid/Herrero
			Revitalization program	Arvaniti
			Awards applications for 2014	Graca
	305	Action	Establishing Region 8 Section Award for Student Activities	Arvaniti/Graca
9:45	306	Discussion	Section development and vitality	Stasopoulos
10:00	307	Discussion	Awards & Recognitions	Delimar/Turner
10:15	308	Procedural	Break	
10:45	309	Discussion	Technical Activities report	Debono
			Keeping Chapters alive in your Section	Joffe
			Achieving quality for conferences	Haase
			Education challenges in the Global Village	Pavlidou
			Industry Relation activities - from vision to reality	Gjengedal
11:30	310	Discussion	Professional Productivity & Collaboration Tools	Setti
11:50	311	Discussion	Nominations & Appointments Activities	Delimar
12:05	312	Discussion	Cyprus Entrepreneurs' Network	Stasopoulos/Georgouli
12:15	313	Discussion	Leverage of IEEE members in European policy working groups	Delimar
12:20	314	Discussion	Feedback from the break-out sessions	Stasopoulos
12:30	315	Action	Motions	Bastiaans
12:40	316	Discussion	New business	Bastiaans
12:50	317	Info	Next meeting	El-Mousa/Vandendorpe
12:55	318	Action	Adjournment	Bastiaans
13:00			Lunch	
14:00			Lunch ends	

Consent Agenda

- 401 Action Approval of the minutes of the 101st Region 8 Committee meeting
- 402 Action Region 8 recommendations for Sections Congress

107. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was presented by Martin Bastiaans and it was adopted unanimously as shown below.

CONSENT AGENDA

x	Type	#	Item	Author
x	Action	100	Approval of the Minutes of the 101st Region 8 Committee meeting in Sarajevo, 5-6 October 2013	Ali El-Mousa
x	Report	101	Awards & Recognition	Charles Turner
x	Report	102	Chapter Coordination	Elya Joffe

x	Report	103	Conference Coordination	Jan Haase
x	Report	104	Educational Activities	Niovi Pavlidou
x	Report	105	Electronic Communications	George Michael
x	Report	106	GOLD	Rafal Sliz
x	Report	107	History Activities	Tony Davies
x	Report	108	Industry Relations	Terje Gjengedal
x	Report	110	Life Members	Jacob Baal-Schem
x	Report	111	Membership Development	Antonio Luque Estepa
x	Report	112	Professional Activities	Jan Verveckken
x	Report	113	Region 8 News	Roland Saam / Zhijia Huang
x	Report	114	Sections Congress	Athanassios Skodras / Saurabh Sinha
x	Report	115	Standards	David Law
x	Report	116	Voluntary Contribution Fund	Daniel Pasquet
x	Report	117	Women in Engineering	Joyce Mwangama
x	Report	201	Austria	Peter Roessler
x	Report	202	Bahrain	Wafeeq Ajoor
x	Report	203	Belarus	Valentin Baranov
x	Report	204	Benelux	Claude Oestges
x	Report	205	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dusanka Boskovic
x	Report	206	Bulgaria	Rossitza Goleva
x	Report	207	Croatia	Mislav Grgic
x	Report	208	Cyprus	Marios Antoniou
x	Report	209	Czechoslovakia	Jan Vrba
x	Report	210	Denmark	Ole Lauridsen
x	Report	211	Egypt	Ahmed Darwish
x	Report	212	Estonia	Kalle Tammema
x	Report	213	Finland	Rafal Sliz
x	Report	214	France	Amara Amara
x	Report	215	Germany	Axel Richter
x	Report	216	Ghana	Rajan John
x	Report	217	Greece	Athanassios Skodras
x	Report	218	Hungary	Peter Kadar
	Report	219	Iceland	Saemundur Thorsteinsson
x	Report	220	Iran	Farzaneh Abdollahi
x	Report	221	Iraq	Sattar Bader Sadkhan
x	Report	222	Israel	Simon Litsyn
x	Report	223	Italy	Lorenzo Vangelista
x	Report	224	Jordan	Mohamed K Abdelazeez
x	Report	225	Kenya	Aniruddha Shahapure
x	Report	226	Kuwait	Fadhel Abulhasan
x	Report	227	Latvia	Andrejs Romanovs
x	Report	228	Lebanon	Youssef Nasser
x	Report	229	Lithuania	Dalius Navakauskas
x	Report	230	Malta	Edward Gatt
x	Report	231	Morocco	Mohamed Essaaidi
x	Report	232	Nigeria	Gloria Chukwudebe
x	Report	233	Norway	Yuming Jiang
x	Report	234	Oman	Arnold N. Santos
x	Report	235	Poland	Ryszard Jachowicz
x	Report	236	Portugal	Nuno Borges Carvalho
	Report	237	Qatar	Yacob Mulla Saleh
x	Report	238	Republic of Macedonia	Ljupco Karadinov
x	Report	239	Romania	Mircea Eremia
x	Report	240	Russia	Sergey Bankov
x	Report	241	Russia (Northwest)	Sergey Shaposhnikov
x	Report	242	Russia (Siberia)	Alexandr Markhasin
x	Report	243	Saudi Arabia (East)	Muhammad Al-Dhamen
x	Report	244	Saudi Arabia (West)	Akila Sarirete
x	Report	245	Serbia and Montenegro	Natasa Neskovic
x	Report	246	Slovenia	Urban Burnik
x	Report	247	South Africa	Riana Geschke

x	Report	248	Spain	Pilar Molina Gaudó
x	Report	249	Sweden	Mikael Bergqvist
x	Report	250	Switzerland	Maria-Alexandra Paun
x	Report	251	Tunisia	Abdelfettah Belghith
	Report	252	Turkey	/ Gözde Bozdagi Akar
x	Report	253	Ukraine	Valerii Zhuikov
x	Report	254	United Arab Emirates	Essa Basaeed
x	Report	255	United Kingdom and Rep of Ireland	Steve Nightingale
x	Report	256	Zambia	Bellington Kabwe

The reports and presentations that follow can be found at:
<http://www.ieeer8.org/category/committee/meetings/2014-april-budapest/>

108. Director's Address

Martin Bastiaans, gave his opening address presentation. The [Address](#) is on the R8 server.

109. IEEE President-Elect's address

Howard Michel, IEEE President-Elect's then gave his [presentation](#). During the discussion, **Ole Lauridsen** Denmark Section Chair, asked about the culture dimension that IEEE can contribute in the future. **Howard** answered by providing the historical background of the IEEE tagline "Advancing Technology for Humanity". **Wafeeq Ajoor**, Bahrain Section Chair, asked a question about how we can change the perception that IEEE is a bunch of academics. **Howard** replied that it is more probable that it is our perception rather than the industry's. He pointed out that most volunteers tend to be from academia for the simple reason that they have more time. He called to broaden the base for volunteers. **Dereje Hailemariam**, Africon 2015 representative asked about how the IEEE can help reduce the inequality gap in the world between those who have the technology and connectivity and those who have not. **Howard** answered that this issue requires the cooperation of governments, NGOs and the IEEE. He referred to the efforts being done by the IEEE Africa Initiative and said that this is not going to be a quick process. **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary asked a question about the need to change the method that IEEE uses to deal with membership as now it is like a one size fits all. **Howard** answered that there are currently initiatives like MGA Regional Geographic Strategy in Japan and India that exactly tries to deal with this issue. He agreed that there is a need to become relevant to the needs of the different groups in the different areas. **Fadhel Abulhasan** Kuwait Section Treasurer invited the IEEE to consider making e-membership available to all and not just to underdeveloped countries as this will reduce cost and paper waste. **Muhammad Al-Dhamen** Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair asked about the vision regarding increasing industry involvement and public visibility. **Howard** answered by noting that IEEE standards are very relevant to industry and heavily used by them. He also noted that getting closer to industry is based on partnership and so it needs the industry to identify what they need. He mentioned the education side of IEEE and how it can be very effective in this.

110. IEEE Executive Director Address

James Prendergast IEEE Executive Director delivered his [address](#). **Imad Elhadj** Lebanon Section Vice Chair, inquired about details of the IEEE budget. **James** replied that normally no details of the budget are included in the report but he reassured the attendees that the financial position of the IEEE is strong. **Ole Lauridsen** Denmark Section Chair invited a comment about whether it is possible to have a setup in Europe similar to one in the US where the IEEE acts like a union for engineers and links them with the industry. **James** replied that in the US there is IEEE USA which lobbies on behalf of the interest of its members who pay extra for it. He said that in Europe, cooperation with the national engineers associations like the IET in UK could be a way to help do that but it is a complicated issue. **Victor Fouad Hanna** R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member commented that there is an effort being done to unite the different engineering associations in Europe in one association but it is a difficult task and has not been successful yet.

111. Secretary's Report

Ali El-Mousa Region 8 Secretary presented his [report](#).

112. Treasurer's Report

Brian Harrington, the Region 8 Treasurer gave an interim financial [report](#). **Ghassan Shaban** Lebanon Section Chair asked if the IEEE as we were being told is quite sound financially and have a 400 million dollar income yearly, then why is Region 8 not getting its cash. **Brian** answered that due to issues to do with investments and some specific issues to do the US, some people in IEEE decided to take money from the regions and the sections. He also noted that the R8 Treasurer and the R8 Director sometimes have to fight to get the balance sensibly retained. **Ghassan** followed by a question as to whether Region 8 is getting the money in a similar way to the other regions. **Brian** then revealed that Region 8 funds which were owed to

the region by MGA since the beginning of the year were not delivered and he said that they were held somewhere in IEEE. Then he told of how the only way to get the money for the meeting in April was to bluntly tell MGA that he has no money to pay the hotel for the meeting and no money to pay for the costs of attending the meeting by the delegates and then he got the money in one hour. That was the only way to get them to transfer the Region 8 owed funds. He then suggested that the money was either being used for something somewhere or the delay was due to incompetence of some people. **Ghassan** then commented that this shows again the lack of transparency and that there is a question about whether the IEEE is for profit or it is nonprofit. **Marko Delimar**, R8 Past Director commented then that we should not get in to the financial discussions without being prepared. He agreed that there are issues with Region 8 funding but noted that it will need time to discuss the reason behind these issues adding that the people who are responsible for finances are very responsible people. **Ghassan** then commented that the issue is about funding for Region 8 which went missing. He said answers are required for this as just 30 minutes ago we were told that IEEE is doing extremely fine, if this is the case why are we losing money in Region 8. He pointed to the contradiction. **Cecelia Jankowski** IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Managing Director commented then and said that it was not accurate the money was lost and went back historically to point out that there were processes in place to safeguard the expenditures and she supported the view that it needs more time and detailed information to explain how things operated in the way they did. **Marko** then commented that Region 10 is comparable with region 8 with respect to the budget size while other regions have smaller budgets. **Jan Haase** R8 Conference Coordination Chair commented on the slide related to the VCF and recommended that instead putting "Region 8" to put "your region" since many typical members do not know their region. **Brian** agreed. **Charles Turner** R8 Awards and Recognition Chair raised the point that we are operating like a bank where at different levels of the institute we keep big reserves. He urged instead to spend the money on the members.

Action item:

Marco and Brian to prepare a full report for presentation and discussion on all financial issues related to Region 8 to include the full relationship with MGA and the processes involved.

113. Strategic Planning

Marko Delimar R8 Past Director presented his [report](#). **Ho Yeol Kwon** Dean, SECE, AAit/AAU made a comment that young sections need help and encouragement like young professionals. Marko replied that this has been happening in R8 throughout the years as now it has many fresh blood in its committees and leaders in the region level and the section level.

309 TA / Keeping Chapters alive in your Section (moved from day 2)

Elya Joffe Chapter Coordination Subcommittee chair presented his report. **Dusanka Boskovic** Bosnia and Herzegovina Section Chair made a comment about the importance of societies to support chapters. **Mats Edvinsson** Sweden Section Chair asked a question as to whether it is true that the section is the only source of funding for chapters. **Elya** answered that there are actually three sources; the section is primary but also the technical societies and also sponsors and conference surpluses.

115. Member Activities report

Aleksandar Szabo R8 Vice Chair Member Activities presented his [report](#). Next **Antonio Luque** R8 MD Subcommittee Chair presented the MD Subcommittee [report](#). **Ghassan Shaban** Lebanon Section Chair asked if there is a known reason for the drop in student members. **Antonio** replied that three years ago there was a campaign to recruit students but now things are back to normal and that we are not doing badly compared to other regions. **Mats Edvinsson** Sweden Section Chair asked if members do not renew they are deleted from the system, therefore how do you contact them to try to regain them. **Antonio** answered that they are not removed but put in a special category called arrears so they are still in the system and can be contacted. **Martin Bastiaans** R8 Director added that after two years they are moved from arrears and put as inactive but are still in the system.

Rafal Sliz R8 Young Professionals Subcommittee Chair next delivered his [presentation](#). **Fadhel Abulhasan** Kuwait Section Treasurer commented that the number of YP seems small compared to what it ought to be after increasing the time span from 10 to 15 years. **Rafal** answered that their number is reasonable compared with the total number of members worldwide. **Aleksandar** added that part of the problem is that the IEEE does not know the exact date of graduation of members as it is not given in many cases. **Ole Lauridsen** Denmark Section Chair made a comment that young people in his section like to be close to people who have already made a career to learn from them and advance their own career and asked if the work can be done to balance this with other work being done. **Rafal** answered that this issue is culture dependent and that it will also depend on needs. He stressed that a good leader in a section will recognize this and cater for it.

Urmet Jänes R8 Professional Activities Chair gave his [presentation](#) next. **Kurt Richter**, R8 History Activities SC member presented the [report](#). **Aleksandar** presented on behalf of **Jacob Baal-Schem**, R8 Life Members Coordinator his [presentation](#). Next, **Joyce Mwangama** R8 Women in Engineering Coordinator gave her [presentation](#). **Zhijia Huang**, the R8 News editor gave his [presentation](#).

116 MGA Past Chair's address

Barry Shoop MGA past Chair gave his [presentation](#). **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary made a comment that perhaps it is a good idea for MGA to conduct a volunteer satisfaction survey and not just a member satisfaction survey as this could help identify many issues. Barry agreed with this.

117. MGA Managing Director's address

Cecelia Jankowski MGA Managing Director, Member and Geographic Activities gave her [presentation](#). **Ole Lauridsen** Denmark Section Chair criticized the ideas presented and commented that they represent marketing ideas typical of America. He also said that it seems to him that the strategy presented is to push the IEEE to just be the best and winning association in the world. He continued that we should be concentrating on our members and looking after them and that our goal should be to do something good to humanity. He also stated that the goals of the nations outside USA are different from the US and that should be taken into consideration. He then asked about the core values of the IEEE. **Cecelia** then deferred the answer for the core values to members of the BoD of IEEE of whom some were present. She addressed the issue of US concentration by saying that the more members the IEEE has around the world, the more difficult it is to address the needs of these very diverse sections and needs. She added that one major challenge they face in MGA is how to provide consistent service to all as there are large powerful sections while there are also weak and small sections. She said that they are trying to achieve a balance. **Howard Michel**, IEEE President-Elect talked about the core values of the IEEE, he referred to the constitution and the articles of incorporation, he said it is nonprofit and for science and technology existing for the benefit of the public and to achieve this, the IEEE has several lines of businesses. He said these businesses are balanced to achieve the goal of benefiting the public. He also referred to the tag line "advancing technology for humanity". He said that we need to focus on that line. **Antonio Luque** R8 MD Subcommittee Chair asked about whether there are plans to upgrade and enhance the Google apps offering that the IEEE is providing now. **Cecelia** said that there is close cooperation with Google and as they enhance their offerings, they are sure that enhancements will also be added to the offerings to IEEE members. **Gloria Chukwudebe** Nigeria Section Chair asked about the issue of retention of student members. She mentioned students in her section have difficulty remaining members after graduation as it is difficult for them early in their careers. She asked if there is a strategy to deal with such situations. **Cecelia** answered that currently there is an 8 year limit for student membership and she mentioned the e-membership option. She also mentioned the special reduced circumstance situation option. **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary made a comment that tools developed by MGA to serve the members are almost always developed with one language in mind which is the English language and asked that consideration be given during the development stage for other languages. **Ljupco Karadzinov** Republic of Macedonia Section Chair asked about the volunteer dashboard and what password is used to access it. **Cecelia** answered that it is the IEEE account password and officers in the section who are on the roster can access it. **Stephen Nightingale** United Kingdom and Rep of Ireland Section Chair, commented on the issue raised earlier about producing tools with other languages and said that also these tools should take into consideration cultural differences and suggested that section chairs be consulted on this during development. **Cecelia** said that there may be many tools being developed locally that MGA does not know about and they would be happy to learn about them with the possibility of integrating them with the available tools.

202. Public visibility

Diogo Monica IEEE Public Visibility Committee Chair and **Patrick Mahoney** IEEE Chief Marketing Officer delivered their [presentation](#). **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary asked a question about the nature of public visibility and whether we want the brand to go into the mind of people or is it more than that. **Diogo** pointed that the idea from the beginning is to promote the profession and not IEEE and what the profession can do. **Wafeeq Ajoor** Bahrain Section Chair asked whether the IEEE PR department is willing to consider collaborating with mass satellite TV channels such as National Geographic etc. for exposing more the IEEE. **Patrick** answered that definitely they pursue this and said that the trick with these channels is that they are looking for items and issues that suit their audience and the IEEE tries to use them as often as possible. **Jorge Soares** R8 Strategic Planning SC Member asked if the use of the full IEEE name in the video shown was deliberate. **Diogo** answered that it happened that way.

203. IEEE's visibility in the Egypt Section

Ahmed Darwish Egypt Section Chair gave his [presentation](#). **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary commented that he represented the region in EED and said that the level of maturity of the event has reached such an extent that students and volunteers have to organize human resources committees to handle the amount of applications they receive from people willing to participate. He added that the visibility of the event attracted a Chinese station that was covering it.

Recess

Day 2

301. Call to Order

The Region 8 Director, **Martin Bastiaans**, restarted the meeting by welcoming everyone again and then asked the R8 Secretary, **Ali El-Mousa**, if there was a quorum and the secretary replied in the affirmative.

302. Sections Congress 2014

Magdalena Salazar Palma Chair of the Sections Congress 2014 and Athanassio Skodras R8 Sections Congress Coordinator gave their [presentation](#). **Jan Haase** R8 Conference Coordination Subcommittee Chair asked about the VAT for registration. **Magdalena** said that it will be returned. **Ali El-Mousa** R8 Secretary reminded everyone that the priority for them is to book the accommodation rooms. He also stressed that the registration for section congress is different than the registration for the R8 meeting and reiterated the importance of booking the rooms first, then registering the sections congress delegate and finally to wait for the invitation email to register for the R8 meeting. **Martin Bastiaans** R8 Director informed everyone that the preferred hotels are the Novotel and Holiday Inn which are close to the RAI. He also informed them that there are still rooms there at the cheaper price. He reiterated that R8 will not reimburse more than these prices if people book rooms at higher costs. He urged attendees to book the room as early as possible even if they have not identified the final delegate to the congress of the R8 meeting as it is possible to change the names without penalty. **Magdalena** commented that the SC14 program is not yet finalized and that if there are any ideas or issues that people want to share, they should send her an email.

303. President-Elect candidates debate

Stefano Zanero R8 Conference Coordination SC Member used the following [presentation](#) to introduce the candidates for the IEEE President-Elect position (Fred Mintzer and Barry Shoop) and to ask them questions.

304. Student Activities report

Pablo Herrero, R8 Vice Chair Student Activities started by welcoming everyone. **Maciej Borówka** R8 Student and Young Professional Congress Organizing Committee and **Christian Schmid** R8 Student Representative delivered their [presentation](#) about SYP congress. **Efthymia “Femia” Arvaniti** (SB Coordination) gave her [presentation](#) about SB revitalization. **Piotr Graca** (Awards & Contests) delivered his [presentation](#) about the R8 SAC awards. **Jan Haase** R8 Conference Coordination Subcommittee Chair commented about the IEEE Extreme Programming contest its usefulness to students. He described how it works and its effect on the students.

305 Establishing Region 8 Section Award for Student Activities

A motion was put forward by the R8 SAC for Establishing Region 8 Section Award for Student Activities (in appendix). After discussion, it was postponed for further elaboration until the Amsterdam meeting.

306. Section development and vitality

Costas Stasopoulos IEEE R8 Director Elect and IEEE R8 Section Development and Vitality Coordinator delivered his [presentation](#). **Peter Roessler** Austria Section Chair asked about the section election process and the requirement that each position has a minimum of two candidates; he inquired what to do if there was only one candidate. **Costas** and **Martin** said that if it works for the section then go for it since sometimes it is difficult to find candidates. **Aleksandar** also agreed and suggested the use of Vtools with one candidate. **Fadhel Abulhasan** Kuwait Section Treasurer asked a question about Vtools officer reporting and whether it is used just for reporting new officers or amending information about existing officers. **Costas** replied that it is used for everything. **Martin** advised that sometimes some sections use the tool to register the section chair again for a new period instead of just extending his current period. He said it is better to just extend. **Martin** invited all section chairs to extensively use the vitality dashboard to check the status of the officers in the section and to correct and update the information there. **Victor Fouad Hanna** R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member asked if the vitality dashboard can be used by chapter chairs and **Costas** replied in the affirmative and emphasized the importance of putting the end date for the officer position otherwise the system will assume the officer term is one year.

307. Awards & Recognitions

Charles Turner R8 Awards and Recognition Chair delivered his [presentation](#). **Marko Delimar** read the list of R8 and MGA awards and recipients that were presented during the gala dinner. They were as follows:

- **2013 MGA Leadership Award**

Victor Fouad-Hanna, France Section: for distinguished leadership and outstanding contributions to IEEE and MGA operating units at all levels, improving relationships with and between IEEE members

- **2013 MGA Achievement Award**

Christopher James, UK & Rep of Ireland Section: for extraordinary contributions in promoting professional and career development for IEEE student and young professional members, both nationally and internationally

- **2014 Region 8 Volunteer Award**

Anikó Szakál, Hungary Section: in recognition of her outstanding services to the Hungary Section

- **2013 Region 8 Outstanding Section Award**

Croatia Section: for delivering excellent services to its members - presented to Mislav Grgić, Section Chair

- **2013 Region 8 GOLD Exceptional Volunteer Award**

Khaled Mokhtar, Egypt Section – presented to Ahmed Darwish, Section Chair;

Andreas Neumeier, Germany Section;

Tomislav Pokrajčić, Croatia Section – presented to Mislav Grgic, Section Chair;

All citations read: for his dedication to the mission of IEEE GOLD, Leadership skills, and remarkable development and implementation of new ideas and programs

- **2013 Region 8 Chapter of the Year Award**

Photonics Society Chapter, Italy Section: for outstanding performance in demonstrating high vitality and dynamism, by successfully implementing best practices and innovative tactics, substantially enhancing the IEEE Photonics Society's mission, and for increasing member engagement, bringing photonics closer to a wider audience and stimulating interaction and cross-fertilization – presented to Dario Petri, Section Chair

- **2013 Region 8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award**

Industry Applications Society Chapter, University of Sarajevo Student Branch, Bosnia and Herzegovina Section: for outstanding performance in organizing a variety of exceptionally successful activities and participation in several projects that led to huge increase in interest for IEEE among students in Sarajevo in particular and Bosnia and Herzegovina in general – presented to Dušanka Bošković, Section Chair

- **2013 Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award**

Rui Miguel Costa, Portugal Section: for an extraordinary accomplishment called: IEEE IST Academic

- **2014 Region 8 Clementina Saduwa Award**

Monique Jeanne Morrow, Switzerland Section: for her engineering and career achievements and noteworthy support for women in the profession

The following certificates of appreciation have been presented:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina Section**, chaired by Dušanka Bošković: for exemplary service in hosting the 101st IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting, Sarajevo, 5-6 October 2013
- **Malta Section**, chaired by Paul Micallef: for exemplary service in hosting the IEEE Region 8 Operating Committee meeting, Floriana, Malta, 24-26 January 2014

The following award has been given at a different occasion and was announced during the Award ceremony:

- **2013 Region 8 Outstanding GOLD Affinity Group Award**

Finland Section, Affinity Group Chair: Rafal Sliz

309. Technical Activities report

Carl Debono, R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities, and his team delivered their [presentation](#) during which **Jan Haase** the Conference Coordination Subcommittee chair talked about Achieving quality for conferences, **Sohaib Qamar Sheikh**, R8 Educational Activities SC Member - Pre-university talked about Education challenges in the Global Village and **Terje Gjengedal** R8 Industry Relations Subcommittee Chair talked about Industry Relation activities – from vision to reality. **Ole Lauridsen** Denmark Section Chair asked a question related to the view that current leadership of telecommunications and power providers companies hold towards engineers which is that they want them to produce for the profit of the next quarter and therefore, they are not interested in sending engineers to conferences or technical meetings. **Terje** said that this makes it important to find the right approach to reach these companies and the right answer is not yet clear. **Wafeeq Ajoor** Bahrain Section Chair asked if corporate membership could be a good idea for industry and also asked how best to attract sponsorship to the IEEE from industry. **Terje** said that perhaps industry in his viewpoint is concentrating on competence and if IEEE can deliver then industry will approach it. **Pablo Herrero** asked whether there was a list of members who actually work for industry that can be utilized to initialize activities with industry. **Terje** said that they have been only active for two months and they need to work to gather more information to be able to direct activities at different groups. **Pablo** suggested asking the section IRO to help with that locally and use the info to start workshops etc.

310. Professional Productivity & Collaboration Tools

Gianluca Setti IEEE Vice President, Publication Services and Products delivered his [presentation](#). **Jef Beerten** R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member expressed concern that the offered product has a lot of similarity with already existing mature products such as Researchgate so he asked how we can make sure that this will actually attract and fulfil needs of members by the time it is launched in early 2015 and he cited the experience of membernet vs LinkedIn. **Gianluca** answered by saying that there is a planned program for proper launch and marketing and added that from a technical perspective, the product is transparent and has the ability to import profiles from several similar programs such as LinkedIn easily which gives it a big advantage in use. **Wafeeq Ajoor** Bahrain Section Chair asked if there is a marketing plan for the product. **Gianluca** answered in the affirmative and added that there is a budget set aside for that. He stressed that the tool will provide usability information to the IEEE which is important.

311. Nominations & Appointments Activities

Marko Delimar chair of the R8 Nominations and Appointments subcommittee delivered his [presentation](#).

312. Cyprus Entrepreneurs' Network

Costas Stasopoulos IEEE R8 Director-Elect and **Anastasia Georgouli** founder and Chair of IEEE Cyprus Entrepreneurs Network delivered a presentation where a large part of it involved a skype conference call with **Anastasia** discussing the motivation and methodology of establishing an entrepreneur network. A set of [guidelines](#) was presented for that.

313. Leverage of IEEE members in European policy working groups

Marko Delimar R8 Past Director delivered a [presentation](#).

314. Feedback from the break-out sessions

Costas Stasopoulos IEEE R8 Director-Elect and **Andrejs Romanovs** Latvia Section Vice Chair presented [the results](#) of the IEEE workshop which was about increasing the IEEE footprint and was held on 5 April 2014. **Martin Bastiaans** R8 Director commented that it is important for the sections to download these results and try to apply them in their sections.

315 Motions

A motion was put forward by **Steve Nightingale**, IEEE UK&RI Section about "Technical Co-sponsoring – Discuss Proposed Fees". After considerable debate the motion passed. Please see appendix.

316. New Business

There was no new business.

317. Next Meeting

The next Region 8 Committee meeting will be held in Amsterdam, Benelux on 21-22 August 2014. **Luc Vandendorpe** Benelux Section Chair gave a small [presentation](#) on Amsterdam and invited everybody to attend the meeting.

318. Adjournment

The Region 8 Director entertained a motion to end the Region 8 Committee meeting. The motion was adopted.

Adjourn

Appendix

506. Motions

The following motions were tabled:

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – 5-6 April 2014

FROM: Pablo Herrero, Region 8 Vice Chair Student Activities
Efthymia Arvaniti, Piotr Graca, Region 8 SAC

SUBJECT: Establishing Region 8 Section Award for Student Activities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To recognize the Section within Region 8 for dedication and support towards the Student Activities and Events. A recognition will be given to each devoted Section that presents the most successful maintenance of ongoing efforts, support, remarkable development and implementation of new ideas and programs regarding Student Activities in the previous year. These activities shall have an important impact on the Section and on Region 8.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the establishing of the Region 8 Section Award for Student Activities shall be approved.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Financial Implications

- Award printing and preparations estimated to approx. USD 50.

Pros and/or Cons

- **Pro:** This award will recognize the efforts of the Section with exemplary student events and activities within their Section and will encourage continuous active volunteering and support of the Student Activities in each Section. It will promote and raise awareness of the Region 8 Student Activities among the Region 8 Chairs. Moreover, it will help to advertise remarkable efforts at Section and Regional level.
- **Con:** Minor financial expenditure (awards printing), but this will be compensated by all the benefits stated above.

Implementation

- The winner will receive an award certification providing the citation for the award granted by the Region 8 Student Activities Committee. The winner will be announced in the IEEE Region 8 Spring Meeting each year, where the award is also going to be delivered.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Eligibility & Conditions

- 1) An award will be presented annually to each qualifying Section in Region 8, without numerical limit.
- 2) Only Sections are eligible to apply for this award.
- 3) To qualify for the award all required documents must be submitted.

Nominations

- 1) The Section might be nominated by the Section Student Activities Officer or Section Student Representative.
- 2) A project proposal must be submitted via My Review Room.
- 3) The nomination must be accompanied by supporting documentation to illustrate that the nominated Section deserves the award:
 - 1) Number of active Student Branches - at least two
 - 2) Exemplary Student Branch Award obtained by Student Branch within the same year - at least one
 - 3) Report of organized events supported by Sections (incl. pictures)

- 4) At least one article featured in Region 8 News, that shows a report of a student event in this Section within the nominating year.

Evaluation Process

- The nominations will be evaluated by the Awards and Contests Coordinator, the Student Branch Coordinator and the Student Representative of IEEE Region 8 SAC.

Nomination deadline

- 1 December annually

Current status

Presently only Student Awards are recognized in each Section and not the efforts and support of the Section Chairs as well as Section Executive Committee. Region 8 Student Activities are more powerful and outstanding every year, and many Student Branches and Chapters are being awarded for their excellence and exemplary activities.

But without the support of their Section Chairs and officers, nothing would be possible. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize and reward the efforts of the Sections. It will also be motivating for the rest of the Section Chairs to support their student activities.

The motion was postponed until the Amsterdam meeting.

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – 5–6 April 2014

FROM: Steve Nightingale, IEEE UK&RI Section

SUBJECT: Technical Co-sponsoring – Discuss Proposed Fees

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a proposal to impose a fee of \$1,000 on all technical co-sponsorships, with effect from 1st January 2016. Such an intention will undermine and damage the relationships we have with the national engineering and scientific institutions and communities. We, the non-US IEEE Sections and Chapters are very dependent on the cordial relations and collaborations we have established to serve these institutions and communities. In Ireland, we work closely with ‘Engineers Ireland’ who outnumber IEEE members by an order of magnitude. In the UK we have formed co-operative relations with the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology), the IoP (Institute of Physics) and the BCS (British Computer Society) with whom we run joint events. There are more than 200,000 qualified engineers in the UK and more than 25,000 in Ireland. By comparison, the members of the UK&RI Section peaks at 11,000. This is a ratio of over 20:1. The national organisations do not charge us for the privilege of joining with them. We and they would regard a demand by the IEEE for payment for technical co-sponsorship as highly damaging the relationships we have built up with them.

PROPOSED ACTION (required for Action items only)

That the Region 8 Committee requests the removal of this proposal. We remind the IEEE Board that it should recognise the importance of working with our national organisations in serving our IEEE members.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Financial Implications

None. We should maintain the current position of not charging a fee for technical co-sponsorship.

Pros and/or Cons

- **Pro:** Action will confirm that we, the IEEE members, located in the many countries outside the USA, are part of the engineering communities in our nations.
- **Pro:** Continue to demonstrate that the IEEE is a partner with the rest of the engineering communities globally.

- **Con:** The imposition of a fee for technical co-sponsorship will damage our relations with the national engineering and scientific institutions and communities and damage the international reputation of the IEEE.

Implementation

Consider removing the proposal at the next IEEE Board meeting.

Action Items from the Meeting:

- 1) Marco and Brian to prepare a full report for presentation and discussion on all financial issues related to Region 8 to include the full relationship with MGA and the processes involved.