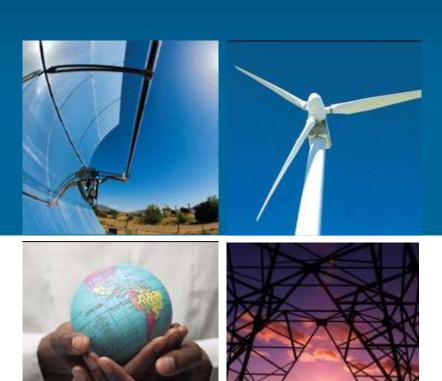
Thoughts on Region 8



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IEEE Region 8 vision and mission

Vision

Region 8 is an effectively organized, dynamic and influential entity, recognized as a leading and esteemed part of a truly transnational IEEE, with IEEE benefits equally available to all members

Mission

To serve the needs of the members of the Institute, the profession and society at large, by enhancing and supporting the IEEE's Organizational Units and their activities within Region 8



What is my vision for Region 8?

My vision is through communication, commitment and innovative spirit, to work collectively and with each one of you, to utilize the unique assets of technical, socio-cultural diversity and highly committed volunteers of our Region, so as to champion a positive momentum for a revitalized, transformed and high caliber IEEE.



What is my vision for Region 8?

- Add increased value to all members Professional and Personal development for the Regular, Student and GOLD Members (Skills, Competencies, Leadership)
- Productive Cooperation between Sections, Technical Chapters and Members, through advanced social networking and communication gateways and face to face meetings
- Increased collaboration between academia and industry with focus on job placements and enhanced partnerships.



What is my vision for Region 8?

- The new global landscape with its rapidly changing techno-economical environment and knowledgebased societies presents new challenges for the IEEE world: Effective leadership to stimulate enthusiasm, unity, knowledge sharing, productive partnerships, technological advancements, member growth.
- I have already started working towards rejuvenation, shaping and streamlining procedures, listening and building communication channels.
- I look forward to serve IEEE Region 8 as its Director.



- Continue working on already started projects
 - Africa Initiative-we have a meeting later
 - IEEE Europe-we are working on it
 - Successful Conferences
 - Section Vitality-continuous work is done on it
- Establish Special Interest Groups on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT) in our Region- We need Champions
- Entrepreneurs' Networks
 - Establish networks in our Region in 2015- We need Champions
 - Spread the word in other Regions
- Make an Idea depot
 - Members will be able to come up with new ideas on IEEE
 - Try to set up a small fund for this



- Give emphasis on Industry
 - Find out what they want
 - Assign a strong team
 - Make a road plan on how to improve on the subject
 - Increase number of industry-oriented seminars workshops and improve links with the industry
- Reach out to all Section and see their strengths and weaknesses and see where and how we can help to boost activities – for students, young professionals and regular members
- Social Media
 - Give emphasis on social media and appoint a coordinator for this
- Mobile app for Region 8
 - Make a mobile application for the Region 8 web page and for meetings - Maybe



- Give emphasis on large Sections
 (UK and Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Benelux, Italy, Switzerland)
 - Increase activities
 - Establish Metro Area Workshops
 - Industry Relations find ways to improve
 - Work with members and Chapters in all areas of the Section
- Give emphasis to Sections with problems
 - No or few Section events
 - Legal problems
 - Same Chair and officers for years –needs to change
 - Section from only one sector of the Section needs to change
 - Declining membership
 - Reporting problems
 - Financial problems



- Students and Young professionals
 - IEEE-Academics
 - Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS)
 - Competitions
 - Explore new opportunities
 - Give emphasis on Regional meetings
 - Middle East SYP
 - Central European SYP
 - Iberian SYP
 - Hellenic SYP
 - UK and Ireland SYP
 - Eastern countries SYP- working on it need volunteers
 - Nordic Countries SYP need volunteers
 - French SYP
 - Others need volunteers





- Regional meetings
 - Organize regional meetings where members in neighboring countries will come together, meet each other, discuss strengths and weaknesses and increase jointed activities
 - It should be low cost self financed event
 - Pilot projects in 2015 Any volunteers?
 - Encourage joint activities
- Region 8 meetings
 - Spring 2015 Limassol, Cyprus
 - Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
 - Any volunteers? Please contact me.
- Region 8 OpCom meetings
 - Any volunteers? Please contact me



OpCom members



















New OpCom members





















What will you have from me as Region 8 Committee?

- Help
- Cooperation
- Quick response
- Friendly admosphere
- Feedback
- Open to new ideas
- Transparency



What will I need from you – Region 8 Committee?

- Cooperation
- Quick action
- Quick response
- Action oriented
- Help
- Feedback



We are a team! We need to work together to make this Region even better





Thank you! My email: costas@ieee.org



