

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 knowledge-based 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.

Plan for the next 2 years

- 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

Plan for the next 2 years

- 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

Plan for the next 2 years

- 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

Plan for the next 2 years

- 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



Plan for the next 2 years

- 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 atmosphere
- 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!
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