

Life Member Activities in Region 8

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Life Member Affinity Groups in Region 8

- There are currently 11 LMAGs:
- Croatia (20), France (88), Germany (194), Greece (25), Hungary (15), Israel (125), Italy (134), Slovenia (14), Spain (60), Switzerland (179), and UK and Ireland (275)

- Several Sections have sufficient Life members to justify the creation of a viable LMAG:
- Austria (28), Benelux (137), Denmark (37), Egypt (42), Finland (33), Norway (37), and Sweden (92).

- In addition there are other Sections that are close to the threshold of forming a viable LMAG:
- Poland (19), South Africa (14), and Turkey (16).

- But, remember:
 - You don't have to be a Life member to be able to take part in LMAG activities!!

Advantages enjoyed by LMAGs

- 1) Rebates and grants are available
- 2) They offer new interests for older members, such as history activities, mentoring, supporting science teachers, community projects, etc.
- 3) They help to retain the interest and allegiance of retired members.
- 4) They can offer social/technical events to Life members in the Section.

What about members who have retired or are about to retire?

- The qualifying criteria for Life membership are difficult to achieve in the younger Sections in Region 8, namely :
 - must be 65 or older,
 - sum of age and years of membership must be at least 100.

- The answer is to include retired (and near-retirement) members in Life member activities.
- In many Sections this would boost the number of active members and volunteers significantly.
- A list of Life members and retirees is readily obtained from SAMIEEE data

Conclusion

- **The older members in your Section have the wisdom of age, they know a lot, are generally well behaved, and they can hold their liquor!**
- **Don't neglect them: get them into your LMAG!!**
- **Thank you.**