

Secretary

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Goals

The job of the IEEE Region 8 Secretary Team is to support the committee and the Region 8 OpCom to accomplish its mission for the members of IEEE Region 8. Interactive, efficient and fun meetings are at the core of this effort, as is efficient communication and timely support regarding issues reported by members of the committee.

Status and Past Contributions

The team consists of

- Youmna El Bitar, Assistant Secretary, younna.elbitar@ieee8.org
- George Michael, Electronic Communications, xeirwn@ieee.org
- Christian M. Schmid, Secretary, c.schmid@ieee.org

Past meetings organized by the team were the

- Region 8 Committee Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, October 2015
- and the Region 8 OpCom Meeting in Milan, Italy, Dezember 2015.

It is a crucial success factor that the meeting agendas are aligned with the three priorities

- Getting closer to Industry,
- Students and Young Professionals,
- and Section Vitality.

All agendas and reporting structures were geared towards promoting these priorities.

A successful new initiative implemented by the R8 Secretary team are the interactive sessions at the Region 8 Committee meetings. They aim at bridging the gap between section operation and operation on a regional level through providing a fun and productive format for interaction. The interactive sessions received very positive feedback from both Region 8 Sub-Committee members as well as Section representatives.

Outlook

The secretary team will work on

- helping to organize the upcoming Region 8 meeting at the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017,
- and on creating more smooth coordination between the sub-committees and the vice chairs.

Points of Concern

- With over 200 guests the meeting in Monte Carlo is one of the biggest so far. This size and the many requests from both IEEE Region 8 guests and guests from outside Region 8 (MGA, IEEE staff, ...) created a huge workload for the team.
- All but one Section will be represented in Monte Carlo, it is certainly desirable to see as much of an interest in the next Region 8 committee meeting!