

## **Life Member Coordinator**

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Since the Region 8 Meeting in Monaco all LMAGs in the Region have been contacted and urged to recruit members who have retired or who are approaching retirement, but are not yet qualified to become Life members. The objective is to increase the number of volunteers for LMAGs in the Sections with relatively few LMs, where it is more difficult to organise viable activities.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Jacob Baal Schem on receiving the MGA 2016 Life Member Affinity Group Achievement Award for organising the 2015 HISTELCON Conference. History activities, including Milestone projects, continue to be one of the most popular topics of interest to LMAG members. There are many opportunities for new Milestones in Region 8 which has a rich history of technological progress. The IEEE History Committee welcomes new proposals and provides advice and support.

We welcome the formation of the LMAG in the Benelux Section, to be chaired by Wim van Etten. Several other Sections are expected to complete the formation process by the end of the year. The petition form for creating a new LMAG can be downloaded from the MGA website.

The UK and Ireland Section LMAG will hold a major event in London on January 27th 2017 to celebrate the evolution of television from the early work of John Logie Baird to the modern digital systems. A Milestone plaque will be unveiled to mark Baird's demonstration of the first television in 1926.

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