

Humanitarian Activities Subcommittee

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Goals

- The Region 8 Humanitarian Activities Committee is responsible for raising awareness of the IEEE SIGHT programme, overseeing and fostering the development of local SIGHT groups and providing development opportunities to members.
- Success within this operational unit is indicated by the formation of local SIGHT groups and the successful submission of project proposals to the steering committee.
- A second metric of success is the impact of Humanitarian Technology projects to the local community in which they take place. That is also the reason why HuAC's activity must receive continuous attention also from other IEEE units.

Status and Past Contributions

- Activities were focused on assisting existing SIGHT groups and developing the conditions to incubate new groups. As a result, we had approximately 4 times more applications for SIGHT group formations, while Africa shows very promising signs of new groups. Thus, new groups were formed in:
 - Nigeria Section
 - Kenya Section
 - Morocco Section
 - Croatia Section
 - West Saudi Arabia Section
 - Uganda Section
 - Greece Section
- Additionally, two sections are under petition evaluation process: UKI Section and South Africa Section. Most of the above case already work on the preparations of their first SIGHT project.
- During the IEEE Region 8 Student and Young Professional Congress 2016 in Regensburg, the HuAC team delivered a SIGHT workshop to a diverse group of delegates. The workshop included trainings on producing successful project proposals, introduction to the online SIGHT toolkit and case study presentations to help participants understand the goals of the program.

Outlook

- Increase the number of ongoing humanitarian projects in conjunction to the number of new SIGHT groups in the Region.
- Have every section in the Region appoint a humanitarian activities coordinator, who will be responsible not only for SIGHT activities but also action of humanitarian signature, such as Blood Donation Events, Charity actions, Free Technology training sessions.
- Foster closer integration with the student activities committee, young professionals sub- committee and relevant technical chapters within the Region, in order to promote the formation of active SIGHT groups.
- Increase awareness of the SIGHT programme within industry, by means of close collaboration with section, chapter and affinity group partnerships.
- Foster collaboration with Regional NGOs

Points of Concern

- Financial Support to HuAC members to participate in a limited number of events within the region in order to establish healthy SIGHT groups and spread awareness of the nature of this noble IEEE program.
- Establishment of Annual Regional Humanitarian Activities Award.