

Life Member Coordinator

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We are pleased to report that the proposed formation of the Lebanon Section LMAG has been approved, which brings to 13 the number of LMAGs in the Region. The Chair of the new Affinity Group is Usamah Farrukh. Renewed efforts are being made, with the full support of the Director, to persuade those Sections most likely to form an LMAG to complete the petition forms handed out at the Stockholm meeting in March. The six Sections are:

Austria, Denmark, Egypt, Norway, Poland, and Sweden.

It is hoped that they will have made some progress towards this goal by the Region 8 Committee meeting at Sections' Congress in August.

The Switzerland Section LMAG is sponsoring a celebration to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Swiss microelectronics industry in Neuchatel on September 5th. A meeting of Region 8 LMAG Chairs has been agreed to take place at the same venue. We plan to continue the discussions on new initiatives to improve the service to older members (the post-retirement segment of the membership). This issue is vitally important to our membership development strategy, not least, to stem the serious loss of our older members, which has inhibited growth in Region 8 for the past decade.

One of the most important goals for LMAGs is the promotion of IEEE Milestone projects. The countries of Region 8 have a rich legacy of technological achievements that should be celebrated to ensure public recognition. An article about how Milestones can energise historical activities in Sections has been published in the latest edition of the IEEE Life Member Newsletter.

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