

V/C Member Activities

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Goals

The VC Member Activities coordinates the following activities:

- Membership Development
- Professional Activities
- Region 8 News
- Electronic Communications
- Affinity Group Activities (Young Professionals, Life Members, Women in Engineering)
- Humanitarian Activities

Being them diverse in nature and in membership target, a good cooperation among them is the primary goal of the VC MA. Member Activities aim to provide members with non-technical initiatives, groups, and services intended to engage them. The mission of IEEE is to advance technology for humanity, but this cannot be accomplished without a strong, committed and involved membership. One of the long-term goals of MA must be to increase the level of volunteering among all members, so that new activities and programs can be initiated and maintained.

Status and Outlook

Coordination among subcommittees is achieved through different means, one of which is periodic conference calls with all SC chairs. This helps fostering the common MA goal of engaging members with non-technical activities. The last of such calls took place at the beginning of June.

Below, some highlights from the different subcommittees under MA are summarized. Please refer to the specific reports for full status descriptions.

- Membership Development. Membership is still decreasing. An MD workshop took place in Bratislava to train MD officers and help reverting the trend.
- Young Professionals. Several AGs have been revitalized. An YP signature event will take place in October in Nuremberg.
- Professional Activities. Booths will be present in two R8 flagship conferences: Eurocon and Africon.
- r8news. The new issue should be available in August. New ways of publicizing articles one by one are in the plans.
- WIE. New mentorship program, created to share good practices among WIE AGs in the Region. More info on the R8 WIE website.
- Life Members. New AG in Lebanon, totaling 13 in the Region. A new aim is to serve also post-retirement members who are not LM.
- History Activities. New milestones are underway. Also, HA is involved in the organization of the next Histelcon conference.
- Humanitarian Activities. The committee has organized itself into three groups, with the goal of improving efficiency in their operations.

Points of Concern

Membership in June had a 2.2% decrease year-ove-year. This remains the main point of concern. Membership retention in the Region is in line with the global one. The membership decrease is common to all Regions, but we should take steps to revert it in R8.