

## V/C Technical Activities

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### Goals

The role of the VC for TA is to oversee and coordinate the activities of a number of key areas within the Region, these include:

- 1) Educational Activities
- 2) Chapter Coordination
- 3) Conference Coordination
- 4) Action for Industry
- 5) Standards

Sub-committees made up of key individuals have been established that bring together fresh ideas along with some “institutional memory”. Each sub-committee has headed by a seasoned veteran of their respective area within IEEE.

My major goals for 2017 remain:

- 1) Support the sub-committee chairs and members through continuing dialog.
- 2) Empower the sub-committees to challenge the status quo.
- 3) Learn best practice within this role from wider IEEE regions.
- 4) Create a preliminary initiative linking Technical Society expertise to that of the Region.
- 5) Ensure a stable, long-term view on the Region’s conference programme.
- 6) Place particular emphasis on Standards and Industry programmes.

### Status

- The sub-committee chairs are in place and they have formed their sub-committees.
- I have had one-to-one discussions with each SC chair on strategy and focus
- Sub-committees are having routine online/ tele-conferences discussing their relevant areas.
- The TA Section of the Region 8 website has been refreshed and all the SCs have updated their sections and included relevant information to keep the content current.
- I have started looking at budgetary requirements for each SC looking forwards.

### Outlook

Continue in open dialog with SC chairs and members Investigate bottle-necks, stumbling points, etc. within each sub-committee and help work towards a meaningful solution. We have started targeting flagship conferences with an eye towards increased quality, sharing best practice and more open and inclusive attendance. Specifically deal with Action for Industry initiatives to strengthen the connections between Industry, academia and our young members. Look into a greater involvement of Standards into Region 8 activities – especially with the establishment of the IEEE office in Vienna. We have started by planning an event, set to run in the Vienna office.

### Points of Concern

At this my main concern lies in dealing with the challenges to maintain a youthful, inclusive community within Region 8 that strives for high quality in its interactions, events and other outputs.