

## **Director**

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### **Goals**

To lead and support the activities in Region 8 and represent the interests of Region 8 in IEEE Board of Directors.

### **Status**

We have a dedicated leadership team and great elected and appointed officers. We are executing on the goal areas we have set out:

- 1) Future members - Students and Young Professionals,
- 2) Getting closer to Industry, and
- 3) Section Vitality. The Vice-Chairs will present progress in these areas.

We also work with the IEEE Africa Committee to expand IEEE into five new African countries. We have opened an IEEE office in Vienna and work with European Public Policy actively.

### **Outlook**

The EPPI committee is forming a new team for 2018 to promote IEEE member's views on Energy, Cybersecurity, and E-health issues to EU politicians, and I'm looking forward see the results. We are forming the role of the IEEE Vienna office, and what services the Sections need and would like to see delivered. For our members in Africa, forming an Africa Council is essential when the special support to Sections and Subsections in Africa through the Africa Ad Hoc Committee will be transferred to R8. The transition must start during 2018.

### **Points of Concern**

We need to strengthen the communication within the region on all levels, using all the means and technical support we have at hand, both IEEE tools like Collabratec, and commercially available tools.

### **Other Issues to report**