

## Director Elect

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### Role of Region 8 Director-Elect

- 1) The Director-Elect is responsible of Region 8 (R8) Strategic Planning and Region 8 Vitality.
  - The Director-Elect chairs the R8 Strategic Planning Sub Committee (SPSC). The SPSC report details its Goals, Status, Outlook and Points of Concern.
  - In order to ensure the Region and Sections vitality, the Director-Elect is helped by the Sections Vitality Coordinator (SVC). The SVC report details its Goals, Status, Outlook and Points of Concern.
- 2) The Director-Elect participates in IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGAB) meetings and Board of Directors (BoD) meetings, during the February, June, and November IEEE Meeting Series.
- 3) The Director-Elect participates in R8 OpCom meetings, R8 N&A meetings and represents R8 in meetings at the request of R8 Director or as needed. The following report refers to these last two roles of the Director-Elect.

### Goals

To participate in MGAB and BoD meetings in preparation for the incoming role as Director, networking with all MGAB and BoD members.

To participate in R8 OpCom and R8 N&A meetings and to represent R8 in meetings of different types in order to support, encourage and serve members.

### Status

During year 2017 I was voting member of MGAB as Technical Activities Board (TAB) representative, which helped me to better learn at the MGAB level and better interact with MGAB members. I was also Chair of one of the MGA Committees, namely the MGA Awards and Recognitions Committee (ARC), and as such, member of other MGA Committees and Boards, namely, the MGA Member Engagement and Life Cycle Committee, the Awards Board and the Awards Board Policy and Portfolio Review Committee. By being member of these committees I have acquired an MGAB and IEEE broader view and I have contributed to bring R8 points of view, experience and achievements into the discussion. In 2018 I have served as member of MGA ARC, as past chair. With respect to the BoD, besides the learning experience of participating in the February, June and November 2017 and February and June 2018 meetings, I have been the chair of one of the committees that reports to BoD, namely, the IEEE Ethics and Member Conduct Committee (EMCC), during 2017 and 2018. I was member also of the BoD Ad Hoc Committee on IEEE Ethics Programs in 2017. During 2018 I have been invited to attend a meeting of the PSPB Publishing Conduct Committee. During 2018 I have been also member of the European Public Policy Committee and of several IEEE Awards Committees. I have participated in the monthly online R8 OpCom meetings and the face-to-face OpCom meeting held in June 2018 in Limassol, Cyprus. I also participated in the R8 N&A meeting held in July 2018 in Porto Portugal. In May 2018 I represented Region 8 in the 19th IEEE MELECON held in the beautiful city of Marrakech, Morocco. The Conference was a success from both the technical and social point of view, and provided an excellent opportunity for face-to-face networking. In June 2018 I also attended the 5th IEEE ENERGYCON, in Limassol, Cyprus. In both conferences plenary speakers gave interesting presentations. By attending these two conferences I was able to directly assess the excellent service that R8 Technical Activities offers R8 members in different areas of our Region. In July 2018 I represented Region 8 in Young Professionals in Space, in Barcelona, Spain. This vibrant event was co-sponsored by Region 8. The IEEE R8 Students and Young Professionals Congress (SYP) 2018 took place in Porto, Portugal, where I had the possibility to learn from R8 Students and YP so many things in so many ways! This year I have had the privilege of being the General Chair of the 21st European Microwave Week, held in Madrid, Spain, during the last week of September. This is a three-conference and major exhibition event, co-sponsored by IEEE and various IEEE Technical Societies. During the week, IEEE Region 8 YP sponsored two Young Professional sessions and YP Meet-up.

### Outlook

During the last three months of 2018 the activities of the Director-Elect will continue in a similar way, with the scope of improving the interactions with MGAB and BoD, acquiring a better understanding of R8 needs to better serve its members as Director during the next two years. In November the second face-to-face meeting will take place in Munich, Germany.

### Points of Concern

Being the second largest region in terms of members, the first in geographical extension and diversity, and the region where many of IEEE technical activities take place, R8 should have a main role in shaping the future of IEEE. This is a concern that I am striving and very much willing to transform in small successes during the next two years with the help of R8 OpCom, R8 Committee, R8 volunteers and R8 membership.