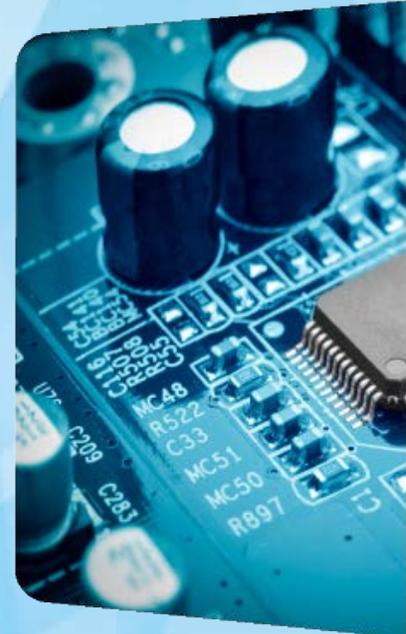
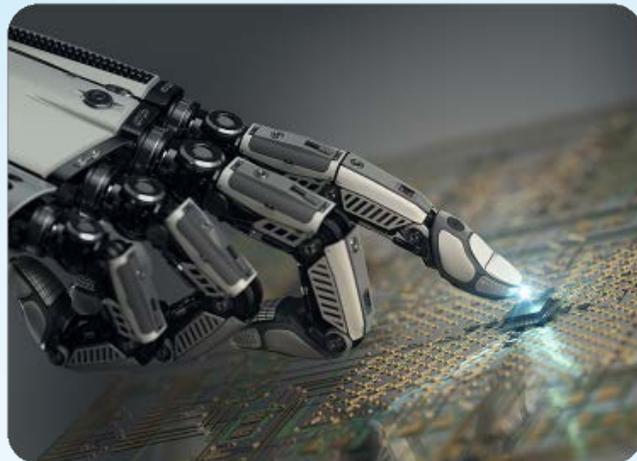




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# 2019 Region 8 OpCom



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## Goals during 2015-2018:

- Students and Young Professionals
- Getting closer to Industry
- Section Vitality
- Focus on Africa

## Looking ahead:

- Smooth transition from 2017-2018 OpCom to 2019 OpCom. Meeting in Munich on November 3,4, 2018.
- Students: Continue the good work!
  - Retention.
- YP:
  - Continue the good work!
  - YP affinity groups in each Section.
  - More than one YP AG in large Sections.
  - Improvement in YP retention.
  - Increase in benefits: career development opportunities: soft skills, technical lectures, training; networking.
- Industry:
  - Continue the good work: Industry Ambassadors network, workshops, mentorships, internships!
  - Industry members do not get enough from IEEE, from R8.
  - Increase and retain members: Make a plan and allocate funds.
- Section Vitality: nearly 100% success.
  - Points of concern: Elections.

## Looking ahead:

- Africa:
  - Increase in members and Geographical OUs, with a focus on Western Africa (French and Portuguese speaking countries).
  - Support Africa Council operations.
- Membership:
  - Review the membership model.
  - Increase in Senior members: better retention. Recognition and awards.
  - Benefits: Focus on all areas: Academia, Industry, Students, YPs. Make a guide. Include insurances, discounts.
- Focus on technical activities as they relate to members:
  - Conferences: Improve technical content and networking opportunities in underserved places.
  - Chapters: Increase the number of DLs technical meetings.
- Improve communication among us, Region 8 Committee, and between Sections.
- Increase public visibility of IEEE in R8: *ad hoc* Committee.
- Review the Region 8 Committee structure.

## How can you help?

- Continue your good work!
- Maintain active participation in Region 8 Committee meetings.
- Share your experience/ideas/goals with your Section ExCom and with the incoming Section Chair/ExCom.
- Ensure a smooth transition if it is the case.
- Send me your feedback, suggestions, ideas. Everything is welcome!
- Support the requests of R8 Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and OpCom.

**Thanks to Vera and the Serbia & Montenegro Section for their hospitality!  
Thank you for all your hard work!  
We have an exciting year ahead of us!  
See you soon!**

