

## Life Member Coordinator

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### Goals

- 1) Helping section officers in the establishment of possible connections between their LMAGs and other IEEE Operation Units in their Sections (Student Branches, YP, WIE, conferences committee, Help with Senior Member elevation, Help in seeking Fellow nomination when applicable, Mentoring, Provide talks at workshops and conferences;
- 2) Raising awareness among Region operating units of the IEEE Foundation Grants Program and of the coordination of region operating units demands to participate in these programs;
- 3) Raising awareness among Region operating units of the Life Members Fund in support of activities that are of professional concern and interest to Life members in region sections, also encouraging LMs to submit more articles to R8News.

### Status

#### Milestones Activities in R8 in 2018

- Many LMAGs in Sections in R8 participate with the History Committee to propose IEEE Milestones, Examples :
  - A milestone plaque was unveiled at Dundee University in Scotland on Thursday 5 April, 2018 at the university laboratories where Spear and LeComber carried out their experiments which led directly to the world of flat screens and smartphones we live in today
  - A dedication ceremony was held on September 6, 2018 to honor an Engineering Milestone: The French Transatlantic Telegraph Cable, 1898. IEEE President James Jefferies unveiled two plaques (English and French versions) honoring the Cable at the French Cable Station Museum (FCSM) in Orleans, MA.
- The LMAG of France Section is working now to propose the Storage Battery (Plante, 1859) and Transformer (Gaulard/Gibb, 1881) as IEEE Milestones.
- Administrative Status of R8 LMAGs at 2018:
  - There are currently 13 LMAGs in the Region :
    - Benelux, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, UK and Ireland
    - Total of meetings for R8 LMAGs (29)
      - \* 8 BENELUX LM80001 3
      - \* CROATIA LM80065 2
      - \* FRANCE LM80005 7
      - \* GERMANY LM80017 0,
      - \* GREECE LM80029 0,
      - \* HUNGARY LM80051 0,
      - \* ISRAEL LM80009 2
      - \* ITALY LM80011 1
      - \* LEBANON LM80091 5
      - \* SLOVENIA LM80067 0,
      - \* SPAIN LM80023 2
      - \* SWITZERLAND LM80007 2
      - \* UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND LM80015 5
- 23% of total R8 Sections have LMAG : more effort has to be done for increasing this percentage.
- Efforts are started with Sweden Section (LM counts 100), also two new LMAGs to be created in Poland (33 LM) and Egypt (51 LM).
- Efforts have to be done with other Sections having 30 or more LMs : namely :Austria Section (32 LM), Denmark Section (48LM), Finland (40LM).
- Norway (54 LM), Portugal (30 LM).
- No R8 LMAG is recently dissolved.

### Outlook

Increased collaboration between LMAGs and other IEEE Operation Units in their Sections is very important as the Section can make use of the knowledge and experience of Life Members and also from the more time that they can devote for IEEE Section activities. It is agreed that the inclusion of older members approaching LM status, together with retired members, would transform the viability of the smaller LMAGs. More resources from MGA (Life Member Committee), Region 8, and Sections, would be needed if LMAGs wished to expand their activities. Sponsorship from industry and Government organisations is available for certain types of projects.

### Points of Concern

Recommendations to R8 Chairs of Sections having LMAG (13 Sections) :

- 1) It is important that each Section nominate in its bureau a Correspondant (it is not necessary that the correspondant be himself an IEEE Life Member) to the R8 Life Sub-Committee, even if there is no LMAG formed yet in the Section.
- 2) We suggest that a formal invitation to older members approaching LM status to join their Section's LMAG which would help to remove the confusion over who is eligible to participate in LMAG activities (i.e. not just LMs).
- 3) Make use of Life Members knowledge and experience (Mentoring Opportunities/Engaging the Young)
  - a) Assist your Student Branches

- Resource for soft skills for job interviews and early career know how
- Student paper contest judging
- Host book sharing day
- b) Involvement with local school districts (pre-university)
  - Hosting Career Day
  - Science Fair Judging
- c) Assisting the Section in:
  - New Unit Formations:
    - LMs provide assistance in getting new student branches and Young Professional Affinity Groups.
    - LMs can be a reference point for new officers.
  - Form Section Senate/Advisory Panel:
    - Mix of past chairs and life members.
  - Senior Member Elevations:
    - Produce reference letters for local members.

Recommendation to R8 Chairs of Sections not Having LMAG in their Sections. This recommendation concerns the following Sections that have 30 or more LM : Austria Section (32 LM), Denmark Section (48LM), Egypt (51 LM), Finland (40LM), Norway (54 LM), Poland (33 LM), Portugal (30 LM), Sweden (110 LM).

- You are advised to create a Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) in your Section;
- LMAG can be established by petition to fulfill the mission of IEEE;
- LMAG Comprises a minimum of six (6) IEEE voting members and having an officer bureau composed of at least 2 LM;
- Petitions can be located online at: [http://www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities/geo\\_activities/forms\\_petitionsindex.html](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/forms_petitionsindex.html).

**Other Issues to report**