

V/C Technical Activities

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Goals

- 1) Revitalise the Chapter Coordination sub-committee;
- 2) Expand Action for Industry programs and align them with the IEEE Industry Engagement Committee;
- 3) Achieve a healthy conferences outlook, explore new flagship conferences and industry focused events;
- 4) Improve educational activities programs with specific emphasis on University and Continuing Education;
- 5) Coordinate the potential merger of Educational Activities and Professional Activities;
- 6) Expand our standards-related offerings;
- 7) Engage with Africa Council to expand TA activities in Africa;
- 8) Increase TA activities focused on Students and Young Professionals;
- 9) Increase coordination between sub-committees;

Status

I have been holding quarterly meetings with SC Chairs to increase collaboration between them, resolve their challenges and ensure that all SCs are working effectively towards their goals and KPIs.

- EASC and PASC were merged in the R8 spring meeting to form PEASC. Since then, we have been working together to revamp their programs. These programs, including the TISP week, Speakers program, Entrepreneurship week and Alpha engineers, are live now;
- Afi held a meeting a meeting of African Industry Ambassadors in Kenya in August, 2019. The meeting was held to coordinate and increase industry activities in Africa. This is in addition to the very successful internship program which offered many internships this year;
- Our strategy for conferences this year was to improve our outlook by promoting diverse conference programs, explore new flagship conferences and increase industry focused event. CoCSC have made progress on all fronts with financial co-sponsorship of multiple conferences, increased industry conferences/summits (TEMS conference, GCIoT, etc) and working with Opcom and HuASC, hosting rights of IHTC 2021. This is in addition to approving and coordinating TCS conferences and R8 flagship conferences;
- Standards team have initiated a new speaker program which I would like to encourage our Sections to avail. This is in addition to their participation in major conferences across the Region;
- Chapter Coordination has made progress in it's revitalisation. A number of activities have been held so far including a chapter chair training event in collaboration with Membership Activities SC.

Financial Position

All committees within Budget. 11% of total TA budget used as of August 2019. Majority of the events planned in the second half of the year which will increase budget utilisation to an expected 88%. No overspend planned or expected.

Outlook

- Continued oversight of SC work with regular meetings to understand progress against established KPIs and challenges;
- Increased collaboration with Sections and Global Committees to make the work of our committees more effective;
- Increased collaboration with the Societies to help the revitalization of Chapter Coordination;
- Further structuring of standards activities;
- Continued focus on Industry-focused programs and initiatives across all SCs.

Modifications to your budget, with the corresponding justification

Points of Concern

Revitalization of the Chapter Coordination SC has faced challenges and we are continuously looking at ways through which we can make the work of the committee more beneficial for chapters in the Region;

Continued focus on industry-related activities from the Region, Sections and Chapters is required to increase our offerings for industry members.

Other Issues to report