

Life Member Coordinator

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Goals

- 1) Enable Life Members to retain active IEEE associations;
- 2) Contribute to the social good in their communities;
- 3) Advance the professional interests of IEEE;
- 4) Allow members to enjoy each other's company.
- 5) Joint activities with parent Section

Points of Concern

- 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.
- 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.

New LM AGs established

Formation of the IEEE Egypt Section Life Member Affinity Group on April 11, 2019. The geo-code is LM80003.

LM AGs dissolved

No R8 LMAG is dissolved

Progress against goals since the last report

Our main activity since the last report was the organization of the 3rd Meeting for Life Members Affinity Groups (LMAGs) of Region 8 that was held at Valencia, Spain, on October 11th 12th, 2019 in conjunction with the 113th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting that was held in Valencia on 12-13 of October. The title of our meeting is "Potentialities of Region 8 LMAGs activities in support of Sections' Operating Units".

The purpose of organizing the LMAGs meeting together with the R8 Committee meeting is to have interaction between the two groups in conjunction with the meeting principal topic given in the title.

Over 14 LMAGs, 10 participated (6 participated in 2017 Neuchatel, Switzerland), Croatia (Last minute apologize), Israel & Germany (apologize Health conditions), Six invited talks were presented in this meeting, two by Charles Turner, Chair LMC, one by Hugo Wyss, Switzerland LMAG Chair, one by Jean Gabriel Remy, past R8 Director, and two by Victor Fouad Hanna, R8 LMs Coordinator ,

It was raised in the meeting the question of the lack of support for Life member activities from the Section Committees. The two main problems were the poor state of Section websites and the low level of funding from the Section for LMAG activities.

Proposals for improvement

Principal recommendation of the participants in our 3rd Meeting for LMAGs, that was held at Valencia, Spain, on October 11th 12th, 2019, for future LMAG activities and administration are the following :

- A top priority is to facilitate the use of Webex for Life member meetings, to reduce the running costs and make it easier to connect members living away from the main urban centers;
- LMAGs should encourage members to apply, for the special projects grants available from the Life Member Fund and the IEEE Foundation as a partner with other Section operating units (Student Branches, YP, ...etc);
- The inclusion of older members approaching LM status, together with retired members, would transform the viability of the smaller LMAGs;
- Sponsorship from industry and Government organizations could be available for certain types of projects.

Other Issues to report