OpCom Function

Simay Akar
R8 Vice Chair for Student Activities

Goals
- Establish close connection with Section: Chairs, Student Representatives and Student Activities Chairs.
- Strengthen the Section Student Activities structures and built a support system
- Increase numbers and quality of Student Events and guide them for the virtual events and new initiatives in 2021
- Promote membership growth; FUTURE50 Code and Membership Development initiatives
- Close collaboration with other OUs in particular YP/WIE/HuA; SAC Liaisons and relevant Working Groups
- Creating new opportunities - New Student Contests AdHoc’s projects and new initiatives
- Collaboration with MGA SAC for future improvements and initiatives
- Rise awareness about wide variety of Student Activities, products, events and contests - electronic communication;
- Provide training opportunities in a detailed plan across 2021.

R8 SAC has Working and Communications Groups in 2021

Working Groups
- Awards & Recognition
- Communications & Outreach
- Cross-Sectional Initiatives
- Educational & Professional Activities
- Industry Engagement
- Social Impact & Entrepreneurship
- Student Paper Contest
- Student Transition & Membership Development
- Technical Chapters
- Training & Student Branches Leadership,
  Communications Groups
- Section SAC Chairs
- Section Student Representatives
- Student Branches Chairs
- Student Branches Counselors
- SIGHT University Groups Chairs
- WIE Student Branch AG Chairs
- Technical Societies R8 Liaisons

R8 SAC is targeting to recruit active student volunteers under some of these working groups and implement training and operational structure via communication groups

Status
Regional student statistics as of Mar 9th:
- 15,097 Students
  - +6,45% YoY Change for Feb (2021-20)
  - -9,76% YoY Change for Jan (2021-20)
  - -12,13% YoY Change for Dec (2020-19)
  - Announcement of the "FUTURE50" promo code
  - -16,75% YoY Change for Nov (2020-19)
- 683 Student Branches
- 439 Student Branch Technical Chapters
- 141 Student Branch WIE Affinity Groups
- 10 Student Branch HKN Chapters
- 6 Student Branch SIGHT Groups

New OUs in 2021 (from Jan 1st to Mar 9th):
- 4 new Student Branches:
  - Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim Universitesi
  - Instituto Politecnico de Viana do Castelo
  - Gh Asachi Iasi Tech Univ
  - Dhofar University
- 5 new Student Branch Technical Chapters:
  - Khalifa Univ of Sci, Tech & Res - Abu Dhabi, Industry Applications Society
  - Politehnica Univ Of Bucharest, Robotics and Automation Society
  - Gazi Univ, Communications Society
  - Politehnica University of Timisoara, Electronics Packaging Society
  - University of Lille, Circuits and Systems Society
- 3 new Student Branch WIE Affinity Groups:
  - Technical University of Kenya
  - Nat Higher Sch. Engineers Tunis (ENSIT)
  - Ankara University

Outlook

Training Plans

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New Initiatives in 2021

- IEEE Region 8 Student Membership Development Awards
- IEEE Region 8 SIGHT Student Branch of the Year Award
- SSR Training Program
- Section Student Branch Leadership Camp Program
- Section Annual Student Branches Meeting Program
- Cross-Sectional Initiatives Booster Program
- WIE Section Awards for SB AGs
- Social Entrepreneurship Competition for Students
- New Student Contest AdHoc Initiatives

Points of Concern

- xSYPs in the H2 2021
- SB Reporting and SBs at the probation list
- Student member recovery and retention

Other Issues to report

We need to identify more Section Student Representatives and Student Activities Committee Chairs.