R8 Subcommittee Reports
Young Professionals

The 116th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting, 20–21 March 2021, virtual
https://ieeer8.org/r/2021-march
Current AGs

53 YP AGs

IEEE Sections & Subsections
Current AGs

- No new AG formed in 2020
- 27 AGs (51%) have “good” health status
- 19 AGs (36%) need elections ASAP
- 19 AGs (36%) have no events organised in 2020
Plan 2021

• execute IEEE Region 8 Connecting Experts program in 2021
• execute IEEE Region 8 Entrepreneurship Initiative in 2021
• initiate a new program/initiative with a focus on Graduate Student Members
• support Affinity Groups to keep good health status (minimum 2 events per year and elections every 2 years)
• support in organisation (virtual) X-SYPs for 2021
• increase the visibility of YPs within the region
• establish close cooperation with other SCs
• implement Objectives and key results (OKR) framework within SC and AG Chairs
Entrepreneurship Initiative

- 60 ambassadors out of 134 applications
- 20+ countries
- High social media impact - success in virtual times
- IEEE Foundation funding extended to 2021 due to COVID
- Increasing collaboration with IEEE Entrepreneurship (judges, conferences etc.)
Entrepreneurship Initiative – Plan for 2021

• Entrepreneurship Week - Facilitate 30 events by December 2021, with involvement from sectional AGs where possible

• IEEE Region 8 Entrepreneurship Initiative to organise the Regional IEEE Pitch Competition and Final

• Select at least 4 startups from the IEEE Pitch Competition Regional final and offer each at least 3 sessions of targeted mentorship

• Publish 5 “Innovation Success Story” to shed the light on innovative ideas from IEEE members in the region
Connecting Experts

- 44 events organised in 2020 as online edition
- Collaboration established with several AGs and other IEEE OU (eg. R8 WIE)
- 600+ members expressed interest to receive invitation for CE events in 2021

PLAN 2021:
- Execute 6 CE events (bimonthly)
- Involve 50% AGs to participate in one CE event by providing session /s
- Establish collaboration with other R8 SC to participate in CE by providing session /s
Meet-ups @ Technical Conferences

- Planned activities in 2020 - Depending on situation we might continue with organisation in 2021

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- October | European Microwave Week 2020 | Netherlands | postponed to 2021 |
- October | YP in Space 2020 | Aveiro, Portugal | postponed to 2021 |
- November | Tech summit (possibly Web Summit 2020) | Lisbon, Portugal | cancelled |