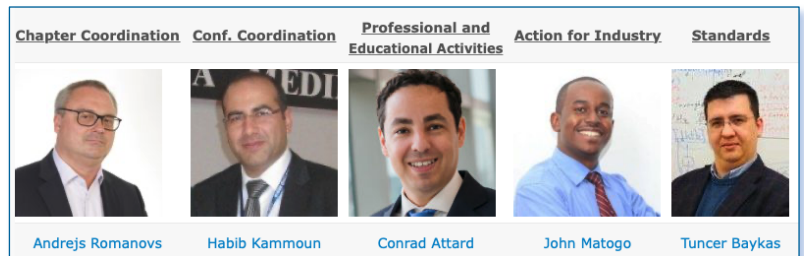# Vice-Chair Technical Activities

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Goals for 2021	KPI
1. Effective experience sharing with recent Vice-Chairs, subcommittees' Past-Chairs	Conference calls with Past-Chairs involved
2. Encourage new ideas	4 new projects in 2021
3. Effective information flow to/from Section representatives	4 seminars by subcommittees during the year
4. Increased cooperation between subcommittees	2 joint meetings with other Vice-Chair's committees (YP, WIE, Humanitarian Activities, SAC)
5. Better international outlook with R10	2 joint calls with R8-R10 OpCom / committee memb.
6. More recognized subcommittee chairs	Elevate all committee chairs to Senior member

Status

1. Regular calls with committee chairs and Past-Chairs

   We work with regular bi-monthly calls, with initial agenda. The main purpose is to see the deadlines, prepare the actions on time and have regular communication. At the end of April, I did individual calls with the chairs to learn their personal

views on committee activities. Subcommittees have their regular calls, monthly or bi-monthly, I tried to attend those to be updated about the activities.

2. Robot Wars preparation started, MoU in progress, initial steps for constructing the arena is ongoing, Call for Industry Activities announced at the recent Industry Ambassadors' meeting.
3. We organized Conferences webinars, Industry Ambassadors' meeting
4. We are behind with the official joint meetings, however there is good cooperation between PEASC-YP and Chapters-Students and Conferences-WIE
5. We are behind with joint calls with R9 and R10, it is planned for Winter (early next year included)
6. One Chair is not Senior member yet, we will finish it by end of the Year.

Other activities

Monthly **OpCom** calls, reports, short discussions.

9-11 April **Sections Congress** online https://sections-congress.ieee.org

24 April Mirna Smidt: **The art of resilience: how to thrive in the face of challenge** – webinar, thanks Simay!

20 May **Artificial intelligence and Internet of Things Applications in Engineering Forum** – webinar organized by IEEE ComSoc Bahrain chapter, thanks Mohab!

20 May **Conference Leadership Virtual Workshop** – initiated by R8 Conference Coordination Subcommittee, presentation by Fred Schindler, topics: Conference Sponsorship, Conference Approval Process, Managing the Technical Program, Peer Review, Plagiarism Screening, 95 attendees, 46 countries, thanks John Tracy for the program!

29 May **IEEE Nigeria Section Technical and Administrative Meeting**, thanks John!

8 June **Technical Activities in Membership Development** – webinar https://mga.ieee.org/membership-development Major topics: What is Membership Development: Impact of Member Engagement, The Intersection of Technical Activities (TA) and Member and Geographic Activities (MGA), Interactions of Sections and Chapters, Improving Member Engagement through Technical Activities and Events, Suggestions for Sections and Chapters, Become the Driver, Implementation: How, Assess and Build, After-Effects, thanks Ievgen!

23-28 June **IEEE Meeting Series** – online (Spotlight on Region 9 (Latin America and Caribbean), Member and Geographic Activities Board, Technical Activities Board, IEEE Board of Directors)

15 July Region 8 - **Conference Organizers Virtual Workshop** – 211 attendees, 56 countries, webinar that focuses on planning and executing a high-quality technical program. Live presentations on Technical Program Management, Conference Sponsorship, Peer Review & Plagiarism, thanks Habib!

21-22 August **in-person OpCom** meeting, short reports, deep dives in Industry relations, Conferences

23 August **Meeting with ComSoc VP Conferences**, Stefano Bregni, cooperation in conferences, relation with national societies at ComSoc

26 August **Power Africa PhD Forum** – recorded speech, live Q&A session https://ieee-powerafrica.org/technical-program/phd-forum/ and https://www.hte.hu/documents/10922/4713163/PhDForum_Peter_Nagy.mp4

major topics: IEEE in general, IEEE Region 8 Technical activities, IEEE Societies, Technical Councils, Technical Communities, Services provided through Conferences, Volunteer education, IEEE Publications, How to join? thanks Irene and Abdullateef!

26-28 August **Speech Synthesis Workshop** – 1ˢᵗ proper hybrid meeting organized by HTE, Hungary https://ssw11.hte.hu

13-15 September **IEEE Africon** regular monthly calls, successful virtual conference, free to attend the Standards workshop, the keynotes. Free for Students in Tanzania. https://africon2021.org and https://youtu.be/HeMFwrSW2o0 Thanks Tuncer and Luzango!

9-10 October cancelled - **In-person Technical Activities meeting** with committee chairs

15 October **PEASC Distinguished speakers Online Webinar** (4+4 presentations) Thanks Conrad and Amith!

21 October **IEEE Convene** https://ieeeconvene.org

6-7 November **Region 8 Committee Meeting**, Frankfurt, Germany

9-22 November **IEEE Meeting Series** –online meetings (MGAB, TAB, IEEE BoD)

10-12 Nov **HISTELCON** http://histelcon2021.org

18 November **WEEFGEDC** conference https://weefgedc2021.org

2-4 December **International Humanitarian Technology Conference** . https://www.ihtc21.org.uk

7-10 December **IEEE GLOBECOM** https://globecom2021.ieee-globecom.org

National Societies Agreements

Active cooperation with local national societies: Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kenya, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Zambia

Details here: https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/agreements/index.html

Outlook

Cross-committee meetings between R8 subcommittees.

Joint meetings with other Region's committee chairs (industry, educational activities, conferences, etc).

More volunteers needed, possible new corresponding members

Points of Concern

Still no in-person events, the networking, experience sharing is more difficult at online infrastructure

The motivation of volunteers is decreasing if we don't have FUN events.

Importance of Section/Chapter <–> R8 Subcommittee cooperation. Lacking bi-directional communications with Sections, importance of Section representatives (conference coordinators, industry ambassadors, education officers etc.)

Other Issues to report