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## Region 8 Secretary

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In the period after the previous report I continued the regular R8 Secretary administrative duties in supporting the activities and operation of the R8 Director, the R8 OpCom and its members, and the R8 Committee, as well as communication with the global IEEE staff. Also, the tasks and responsibilities assigned to me by the R8 Director were implemented in a timely manner with high level of professionalism.

Monthly R8 OpCom meetings were organized on-line using the WebEx platform. One in-person OpCom meeting was organized in Vilnius, Lithuania, 22-23 January 2022.

Two hybrid R8 Committee meetings were organized, together with the R8 Director Luque and R8 Treasurer Jastrzebski, including planning, venue selection, registration instructions and arrangements, visas invitation letters, and all other necessary preparation activities.

The 117th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, the first R8 hybrid experience, with partly in-person and partly on-line attendance, was also the first one for many R8 volunteers after long time due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. The Covid-19 situation was changing rapidly in the last period and the meeting was scheduled in a very short time, with a survey of volunteers for the willingness and ability to attend. There were registered 108 in-person attendees and also 24 companions that join during the social events, the total of 132, that is a big success for a hybrid meeting organized in a short time.

The forthcoming 118th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting in Warsaw, Poland, has 157 invited volunteers, and registered 104 in-person attendees with 30 companions, and also 55 registered for on-line participation.