R8 Awards and Recognition Committee   **Magdalena Salazar Palma**

Goals

According to R8 Operations Manual (OpMan) the R8 Awards and Recognitions (A&R) Committee (C) mission is to promote, recognize and reward excellence in the operations of R8 and its organizational units: Sections, Subsections, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches and Student Branch Chapters. R8 A&RC also recognizes volunteer excellence.

The members of the R8 A&R SC are:

- Magdalena Salazar Palma   Spain Section   Chair
- Costas Stasopoulos   Cyprus Section   Member
- Youmna El-Bitar   Germany Section   Member
- Almedin Kavaz (YP)   Germany Section   Member
- Ana Cigarán (WIE)   Germany Section   Member
- Albert Lysko (Chapters)   South Africa Section   Member
- Lee Crudgington (SA)   UK & Ireland Section   Member

Corresponding member – ex officio:

- Paolo Montuschi (IEEE TAB A&R Committee, IEEE Awards Board)   Italy Section

Status

The Committee held several meetings during the last months of 2021 and the first months of 2022 with the scope of:

- finalizing the transition from the Awards portal which was used before to the new one, Open Waters (OWS), and
- selecting the awardees for the 2021 R8 Awards, since the 2021 Call for Nominations for R8 Awards was issued quite late in 2021.
- preparing the certificates and plaques to be handed over to the awardees and individuals to be recognized during the Gala Dinner at the R8 Committee meeting in April 2, 2022.
- discussing R8 Awards pending issues and new R8 Award to be proposed for approval to the R8 Committee on April 3, 2022.

Outlook

A hands on presentation on OWS is going to be provided during the training session at the R8 Committee meeting on April 1, 2022 by Youmna El-Bitar who has taken care of the transition to OWS and has handled the process for the 2021 R8 Awards Program.

During year 2022 the plan is to have monthly meetings of the A&RC, starting with the meeting to be held during the R8 Committee meeting on April 1, 2022.

The focus issues to be discussed are:

- Definition of the 2022 R8 Awards Program, including the new R8 Student Award
- Review of the Program within OWS for the application and judging phases
- 2022 Call for R8 Awards Nominations: issued by April 30, with June 30 as deadline, winners announcement by July-early August. Awards ceremony during the Fall 2022 R8 Committee meeting.
- Submission of R8 Awards to MGA Awards and Recognition Committee for revision and formal approval by MGAB.
- Aggressive plan to increase nominees from R8 for Member and Geographic Activities Board, Educational Activities Board, IEEE Awards, and awards of other IEEE Operational Units.

Other goals to be achieved by the Committee:

- Update of the Awards Web page.
- Elaborate a R8 A&RC Operations Manual

Points of Concern

None.

Other Issues to report

None.