

## 118th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting Unapproved Minutes of the Meeting

Hybrid, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

Warsaw Marriot Hotel, Warsaw, Poland and WebEx

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Items in these minutes are numbered according to the agenda.

### Attendance

#### R8 Committee voting members present in-person:

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| 1. Bahrain Section Chair Ali Zolait                     | 21. Oman Section Chair Abdullah Al-Badi                       |
| 2. Benelux Section Chair Claude Oestges                 | 22. Poland Section Chair Adam Dabrowski                       |
| 3. Bosnia and Herzegovina Section Treasurer Dejan Jokic | 23. Portugal Section Chair Rodolfo Oliveira                   |
| 4. Croatia Section Secretary Tomislav Jagušć            | 24. Romania Section Chair Lucian Toma                         |
| 5. Cyprus Section Chair Constandinos Mavromoustakis     | 25. Serbia and Montenegro Section Vice Chair Mladen Koprivica |
| 6. Denmark Section Chair Sanja Lazarova-Molnar          | 26. Spain Section Chair Enrique Romero-Cadaval                |
| 7. Egypt Section Chair Ahmed Yousef                     | 27. Sweden Section Chair Andrei Gurto                         |
| 8. Estonia Section Chair Dmitri Vinnikov                | 28. Turkey Section Vice Chair Tuncer Baykas                   |
| 9. Finland Section Chair Mahdi Pourakbari               | 29. Uganda Section Chair Ezabo Baron                          |
| 10. France Section Chair Claire Lajoie-Mazenc           | 30. Ukraine Section Secretary Mariya Antyufeyeva              |
| 11. Germany Section representative Shaun Kaplan         | 31. United Arab Emirates Section Treasurer Sahar Sultan       |
| 12. Hungary Section Vice Chair Dániel Drexler           | 32. United Kingdom and Ireland Section Chair Izzet Kale       |
| 13. Iceland Section Chair Karl Gudmundsson              | 33. Kuwait Section representative Ali Alfily                  |
| 14. Jordan Section Chair Ala Khalifeh                   | 34. R8 Director Antonio Luque                                 |
| 15. Latvia Section Past Chair Nadezda Kunicina          | 35. R8 Past Director Magdalena Salazar Palma                  |
| 16. Lebanon Section Vice-Chair Hadi Kanaan              | 36. R8 Secretary Ljupco Karadinov                             |
| 17. Lithuania Section Vice-Chair Dalius Navakas         | 37. R8 Treasurer Adam Jastrzebski                             |
| 18. Nigeria Section Chair John Oyewole Funso-Adebayo    | 38. R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities Simay Akar               |
| 19. North Macedonia Section Chair Mishev Anastas        | 39. R8 Vice-Chair Technical Activities Peter Nagy             |
| 20. Norway Section Chair Filippo Sanfilippo             |   |

#### R8 Committee voting members present on-line:

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| 40. Austria Section Chair Thomas Strasser             | 51. Russia (Northwest) Section ExCom member Sergey Shaposhnikov |
| 41. Czechoslovakia Section Chair Matej Pacha          | 52. Russia Section Chair Sergey Bankov                          |
| 42. Greece Section Chair Thanos Kakarountas           | 53. Slovenia Section Chair Joze Guna                            |
| 43. Iran Section Chair Vahid Ahmadi                   | 54. South Africa Section Chair David Oyedokun                   |
| 44. Israel Section Chair Shmuel Auster                | 55. Switzerland Section Chair Thomas Hanselmann                 |
| 45. Italy Section Chair Sergio Rapuano                | 56. Tunisia Section Chair Ilhem Kalle                           |
| 46. Kenya Section Chair Esther Muchiri                | 57. Western Saudi Arabia Section Chair Abdullah Bin-ladin       |
| 47. Malta Section Chair Edward Gatt                   | 58. R8 Director Elect Vincenzo Piuri                            |
| 48. Mauritius Section Chair Robert Ah King            | 59. R8 Vice-Chair Member Activities Sara Barros                 |
| 49. Morocco Section Vice Chair Zoubida Alaoui Mdaghri |   |
| 50. Qatar Section Chair Ridha Hamila                  |   |

#### R8 Committee voting members absent:

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| 60. Algeria Section Chair Kouzou Abdallah    | 65. Russia (Siberia) Section Chair Roman Gorbunov        |
| 61. Belarus Section Chair VACANT             | 66. Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair Mohammed Al-Ghamdi |
| 62. Bulgaria Section Chair Valentina Markova | 67. Zambia Section Chair Ariel Phiri                     |
| 63. Ghana Section Chair George Eduful        |  |
| 64. Iraq Section Chair Sabiha F. Jawad       |  |

**R8 Subcommittee members present in-person:**

1. Aleksandar Mastilovic	SC Member	Chapters coordination
2. Ali Alfayly	SC Member	Young Professionals
3. Ana Madureira	SC Member	Past R8 Secretary, Section Vitality and Development
4. Andreas Koltes	SC Member	Finance Committee
5. Andrejs Romanovs	SC Chair	Chapters coordination
6. Christopher James	SC Member	Region 8 News Editorial Board member
7. Conrad Attard	SC Chair	Professional and Educational Activities
8. Costas Stasopoulos	SC Member	Awards & Recognitions + SecCongressCoord
9. Fairouz Fattoum	SC Member	Humanitarian Activities
10. Fatma Alzamel	SC Member	Region 8 Today
11. Frederique Vallee	SC Member	Action for Industry
12. George Michael	SC Chair	Electronic Communications
13. George Papadimitriou	SC Member	Strategic Planning Committee
14. Gheith Abandah	SC Member	AdHoc on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
15. Habib Kammoun	SC Chair	Conferences coordination
16. Khaldoun TAKTAK	SC Other	IEEE Region 8 SYP Congress Chair
17. Lee Crudgington	SC Member	SAC and Awards & Recognitions
18. Maciej Borowka	SC Member	Student Activities Committee (SAC)
19. Margaretha Eriksson	SC Member	Finance Committee and Region 8 News
20. Maria Efthymiou	SC Member	Electronic Communications
21. Marios Antoniou	SC Member	Action for Industry
22. Martin Bastiaans	SC Chair	History
23. Mike Hinchey	SC Chair	Membership Development, Director-elect candidate
24. Mohab Mangoud	SC Member	Membership Development
25. Mohamed Ali ZORMATI	SC Other	IEEE Region 8 SYP Congress Vice Chair
26. Mohamed Amin	SC Chair	Careers AdHoc
27. Mohamed Sief El-Dien	SC Member	Membership Development
28. Mohammad Hossein Babae	SC Member	Electronic Communications and AdHoc Publications & Communications
29. Mona Ghassemian	SC Chair	AdHoc on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
30. Muhammad Al-Barham	SC Member	Student Activities Committee (SAC)
31. Neecharl Ramprosand	SC Member	Strategic Planning Committee
32. Nizar Rokbani	SC Member	Professional and Educational Activities
33. Pascal Lorenz	SC Member	Finance Committee
34. Rawane El-jamal	SC Member	Young Professionals
35. Sohaib Sheikh	SC Member	Strategic Planning Committee
36. Theodoros Chatzinikolaou	SC Member	Student Activities Committee (SAC)
37. Vera Markovic	SC Member	SAC, SPC Coordinator
38. Vincent Egessa	SC Chair	Africa Council Secretary
39. Vinko Lesic	SC Member	Young Professionals
40. Youmna El-bitar	SC Member	Awards & Recognitions

**R8 Subcommittee members present on-line:**

41. Abdulateef Aliyu	SC Chair	Humanitarian Activities
42. Adeel Sultan	SC Chair	AdHoc Publications & Communications
43. Adel Alimi	Chair	Africa Council
44. Albert Lysko	SC Member	Chapters coordination and Awards & Recognitions
45. Almedin Kavaz	SC Chair	Young Professionals and Awards & Recognitions
46. Ana Inês Inácio	SC Member	Young Professionals
47. Barbara Vujkov	SC Chair	Congress Coordination Team
48. Catia Bandejas	SC Chair	Region 8 News Past-EIC
49. Dusanka Boskovic	SC Member	AdHoc on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
50. Ievgen Pichkaliov	SC Member	Membership Development and N&A
51. John Matogo	SC Chair	Action for Industry
52. Maja Matijasevic	SC Member	Region 8 News Editorial Board member
53. Maria-Alexandra Paun	SC Chair	Women in Engineering

54. Matej Zajc	SC Chair	Section Vitality and Development
55. Nizar Rokbani	SC Member	Professional and Educational Activities
56. Peter Magyar	SC Chair	Life Members
57. Robert Bierwolf	SC Member	Conferences coordination
58. Sally Musonye	SC Member	Women in Engineering
59. Tiziana Tambosso	SC Member	Nominations and Appointments

**R8 Subcommittee members absent:**

60. Amith Khandakar	SC Member	Professional and Educational Activities
61. Ana Cigaran	SC Member	Women in Engineering and Awards & Recognitions
62. Ana Margarida Trigo	SC Member	Women in Engineering
63. Bernardo Tellini	SC Member	Region 8 News Co-EIC
64. Davide Morgado	SC Member	Student Activities Committee (SAC)
65. Dora Fourou	SC Member	Careers AdHoc
66. Gerard Duff	SC Member	Young Professionals and SAC
67. Hazar Oklah	SC Chair	Region 8 Today and AdHoc Publications & Communications
68. Ines Inacio	SC Member	Young Professionals
69. Lavender Ndunya	SC Member	Humanitarian Activities
70. Mohamed Hatem Abdulkader	SC Member	Student Activities Committee (SAC)
71. Seif Elhajjem	SC Member	Young Professionals
72. Stamatis Dragoumanos	SC Member	Professional and Educational Activities and Region 8 Today
73. Wafa Ben-Hmida	SC Member	Women in Engineering

**R8 guests present in-person:**

1. David Koehler	MGA Vice President
2. Barry Tilton	R2 Director
3. Alberto Sanchez	R9 Past Director
4. Stephen Welby	IEEE Executive Director and COO
5. Józef Modelski	R8 Director 2009-2010
6. Marko Delimar	R8 Director 2011-2012
7. Clara Neppel	Senior Director European Business Operations IEEE Technology Centre GmbH

**R8 guests present on-line:**

8. Paul Cunningham	Division VI Director
9. Anthony Davies	R8 Director 2003-2004
10. Charles Turner	R8 Director 1993-1994
11. Cecelia Jankowski	IEEE MGA Managing Director
12. Christie Giambalvo	IEEE MGA Director Geographic Activities
13. Jef Berteen	IEEE EPPC Chair
14. Michael Malamut	Parliamentarian
15. Vincent Kaabunga	2022 Region 8 Zone representative candidate

**Poland Section guests, in-person:**

1. Maciej Ogorzałek	honorary guest, Past Section Chair
2. Mariusz Malinowski	honorary guest, Past Section Chair
3. Ryszard Jachowicz	honorary guest, Past Section Chair

**Poland Section guests, on-line:**

4. Krzysztof Sieczkarek	IEEE EMC-S PL Chair
5. Mirosław Zielenkiewicz	
6. Paweł Pawłowski	
7. Tomasz Marciniak	

**Other present in-person:**

1. Catarina Silva	Portugal Section Past Chair
2. Felix Yanovsky	Ukraine Section Past Chair
3. Husham M Ahmed Mohammed	Bahrain Section Treasurer

Other present on-line:

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| 8. Abdelrahman Mohammed | Egypt Section SAC Vice-Chair                         |
| 9. Grigore Stamatescu   | Romania Section Secretary                            |
| 10. Ibrahim Nasar       | Western Saudi Arabia Section Secretary and Treasurer |

Poland Section local organizing team:

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| 11. Jasiński Marek    | Vice-Chair                      |
| 12. Konrad Markowski  | YP AG Poland Section Past Chair |
| 13. Jakub Suder       | Poland Section Student Branches |
| 14. Kacper Podbucki   | Poland Section Student Branches |
| 15. Szymon Lyson      | Organization committee member   |
| 16. Mateusz Jasiński  | Organization committee member   |
| 17. Juliusz Bojarczuk | Organization committee member   |
| 18. Piotr Araszkiwicz | Organization committee member   |

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

**1. Procedural – Call to order and welcome (Luque)**

Region 8 Director Antonio Luque calls the Committee to order at 08:07 h CEST and opens the 118th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting welcoming all attendees and the present in-person distinguished guests: MGA Vice President David Koehler, R2 Director Barry Tilton, R9 Past Director Alberto Sanchez, IEEE Executive Director and COO Stephen Welby, Senior Director of European Business Operations Clara Neppel, Past R8 Directors Józef Modelski, Marko Delimar, Martin Bastiaans, Costas Stasopoulos and Margaretha Eriksson.

**2. Procedural – Housekeeping (Karadzinov)**

Region 8 Secretary Ljupco Karadzinov presents the housekeeping rules regarding the hybrid type of the meeting, taking part in discussions, questions, voting for in-person and virtual WebEx attendees, and afternoon breakout sessions. The R8 Treasurer Adam Jastrzebski and the Poland Section organizing committee chair Marek Jasiński inform about the afternoon social events, the city tour and the gala dinner.

**3. Procedural – Roll Call (Karadzinov)**

Region 8 Secretary Ljupco Karadzinov informs that for this meeting there are registered 100 in-person and 59 on-line attendees, as well as 29 in-person companions that will join during the social events. Then, the Secretary takes a roll call of in-person and on-line R8 Committee voting members and confirmed there is a quorum.

**4. Motion – Approval of the agenda (Luque)**

Region 8 Director Antonio Luque presents the proposed agenda and the breakout sessions in the afternoon. The motion to approve the agenda is presented. There is no discussion. The motion passes, the agenda is approved.

**5. Motion – Approval of the consent agenda (Luque)**

The R8 Director Luque presents the items in the consent agenda:

**Motion, Approval of minutes of the Fall 2021 meeting**

**Motion, Modifications to the RTSI operating agreement**

RESOLVED that the following modifications to the operating agreement between Region 8 and Italy Section regarding the IEEE International Forum on Research and Technology for Society and Industry (RTSI) conference series are approved as presented.

**Motion, Affirmation of the approval of 2022 budget**

RESOLVED that the 2022 Region 8 budget as submitted by the Treasurer and voted by email by the Region 8 Committee is adopted. This adoption includes:

- A 2022 Budget that reflects a \$5,513 surplus.
- 2022 budget expenses of \$1,379,240.
- 2022 budget income of \$686,759 from actual 2022 income, and \$698,004 to be transferred from actual 2021 surplus.

### **Motion, Approval of appointed members (2022)**

RESOLVED that the following non-voting members of the 2022 Region 8 Committee be approved.

Action for Industry: John Matogo (Kenya Section)  
 Chapters: Andrejs Romanovs (Latvia Section)  
 Conferences: Habib Kammoun (Tunisia Section)  
 Humanitarian Activities: Abdulateef Aliyu (Nigeria Section)  
 Membership Development: Mike Hinchey (UK & Ireland Section)  
 Professional and Educational Activities: Conrad Attard (Malta Section)  
 Region 8 News: Vinko Lesic (Croatia Section)  
 Standards Coordinator: Tuncer Baykas (Turkey Section)  
 Student Representative: Theodoros Chatzinikolaou (Greece Section)  
 Women in Engineering: Maria Alexandra Paun (Switzerland Section)  
 Young Professionals: Almedin Kavaz (Germany Section)  
 Africa Council Chair: Adel Alimi (Tunisia Section)  
 Careers New Initiative: Mohamed Amin (Egypt Section)  
 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Mona Ghassemian (UK & Ireland Section)  
 Electronic Communications: George Michael (Cyprus Section)  
 Electronic Communications Assistant: Maria Efthymiou (Cyprus Section)  
 History Activities: Martin Bastiaans (Benelux Section)  
 Life Members: Peter Magyar (Germany Section)  
 New Student Contests Initiative: Lee Crudgington (UK & Ireland Section)  
 Publications and Communications: Adeel Sultan (United Arab Emirates Section)  
 Region 8 Today: Hazar Oklah (Jordan Section)  
 Region Vitality Coordinator: Matej Zajc (Slovenia Section)  
 Sections Congress Coordinator: Costas Stasopoulos (Cyprus Section)  
 Congress (SYP/xSYP) Coordinator: Barbara Vujkov (Serbia Section)  
 Social Media: Mohamed Hussain Babaee (Portugal Section)  
 Voluntary Contribution Fund: Andreas Koltes (Germany Section)

The motion to approve the consent agenda is presented. There is no discussion. The motion passes, the consent agenda is approved.

### **6. Discussion – Introduction to the meeting (Luque)**

The R8 Director Luque gives introductory remarks about this meeting as a second experience in a hybrid form and hopes that the next one will be fully in-person. Then he introduces the afternoon points on the agenda as an R8 Forum with no motions and with more informal discussions, the points to celebrate the 60th anniversary, motions to update the R8 By-laws and Operations Manual on Sunday agenda, and invites the attendees to participate and share opinions and ideas, as well as interact with the IEEE leadership present here.

### **7. Discussion – Director's report (Luque)**

The R8 Director Luque reports on the Region 8 activities, membership and events statistics, IEEE and MGA update, future plans and new initiatives. Then he asks the R8 Past Director Salazar Palma to moderate the Q&A part, questions from in-person and on-line participants are answered.

### **8. Discussion – IEEE President address (Liu)**

The IEEE President Ray Liu address to the meeting is presented by a 5 minutes prerecorded video " IEEE Your Professional Home".

### **9. Discussion – IEEE Executive Director's address (Welby)**

The IEEE Executive Director Stephen Welby presents his report about the IEEE global operation status, membership, activities and events in 2021, and future plans. Following his presentation, he answered questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### **10. Discussion – Section celebrations (Luque)**

The R8 Director Luque invites to the stage the Chairs of the three R8 Sections that celebrate anniversaries this year and hands them the IEEE jubilee flags:

- North Macedonia Section, chaired by Mishev Anastas, 25 years;
- Finland Section, chaired by Mahdi Pourakbari Kasmaei, 50 years;
- Poland Section, chaired by Adam Dabrowski, 50 years.

### **11. Discussion – Director-elect candidates debate (Delimar)**

Marko Delimar, R8 Director 2011-2012, moderates the 2023 R8 Director-Elect candidates debate. First the two candidates have presentations: Adeel Sultan, UAE Section (on-line) presents his prerecorded video; Mike Hinchey, UK & Ireland Section, presents from the podium. Delimar invites R8 Committee members to send questions to both candidates by e-mail.

### **37. Discussion – Nominations and appointments (Salazar-Palma)**

The R8 Director Luque proposes to have the agenda point 37 before the break, and save more time for tomorrow agenda points that may need more discussion.

Magdalena Salazar-Palma, Chair of the R8 Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee, announces the 2022 R8 Elections Call for the three R8 Vice Chairs, R8 Treasurer, R8 Secretary, and three members of the N&A Committee. Provisional calendar: Call for Nominations, April 30, 2022; Deadline for nominations June 30, 2022; R8 N&A Subcommittee meeting, July 2022; Announcement of the slate, August 2022.

### **13. Discussion – Financial update (Jastrzebski)**

The R8 Director Luque proposes to proceed with next point 13, as the break is scheduled after 20 minutes.

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, presents the 2021 R8 Budget, the income and expenses summary, financial position October 2021, the IEEE NextGen System and how to use the Concur. Following his presentation, he answered questions from the members of the R8 Committee. Andreas Koltes, member of the R8 Finance Committee, answers the question about the use of the R8 Volunteers Contribution Fund.

### **12. Procedural – Break [10:40 h]**

### **14. Discussion – R8 SYP 2022 (Akar / Barros)**

Theodoros Chatzinikolaou, R8 Student Representative, presents the R8 SYP 2022 in Tunisia, 3–7 Aug 2022. Then, Khaldoun TAKTAK, IEEE Region 8 SYP Congress Chair and Mohamed Ali ZORMATI, IEEE Region 8 SYP Congress Vice Chair, present the details. Following the presentation, they answer questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### **15. Discussion – MGA Vice President and Managing Director address (Koehler / Jankowski)**

David Koehler, IEEE MGA Vice President, presents the MGA report. Following his presentation, Koehler and the IEEE MGA Managing Director Cecelia Jankowski (on-line) answer questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### **16. Discussion – National Societies agreements (Nagy)**

The IEEE National Societies Agreements Program is presented by Peter Nagy, this program Coordinator at the IEEE level. Following his presentation, he answered questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### **17. Discussion – R8 Robot competition (Attard)**

Conrad Attard, R8 Professional and Educational Activities Subcommittee Chair, presents the IEEE R8 Robot Championship, Malta, Autumn 2022. Applications are open from 1st April till 1st June 2022. Following the presentation, questions from the members of the R8 Committee are answered.

### **18. Procedural – Lunch break**

The R8 Committee breaks for lunch from 12:30 h until 13:40 h CEST.

### **19. Discussion – Constitutional amendment (Eriksson)**

Margaretha Eriksson, R8 Director 2017-2019, presents the BoD proposed Constitutional Amendment for changes in the amendment process of the IEEE Constitution. This amendment will be included in this year ballot. Stephen Welby, IEEE Executive Director adds additional information. Discussion follows after the presentation when different views are presented and questions from the attendees are answered.

### **20. Discussion – Regional best practices (Tilton / Sanchez)**

Bary Tilton, R2 Director, and Alberto Sanchez, R9 Past Director, present their Regions activities and best practices. Following the presentations, questions from the members of the R8 Committee are answered.



### 21. Discussion – Region 60th anniversary (Luque)

Antonio Luque presents key dates and gives brief history facts about the IRE Region 9 / IEEE Region 8 since its establishment in 1962.

### 22. Discussion – R8 from the past (Modelski)

Józef Modelski, R8 Director 2009-2010, presents details about Region 8 history, the merger of AIEE and IRE into IEEE, first Sections in Europe, as well as highlight and memories from his term in office. Following the presentation, Charles Turner (on-line), R8 Director 1993-1994, give short comments and memories.

### 23. Discussion – IEEE as Your Professional Home (Tilton)

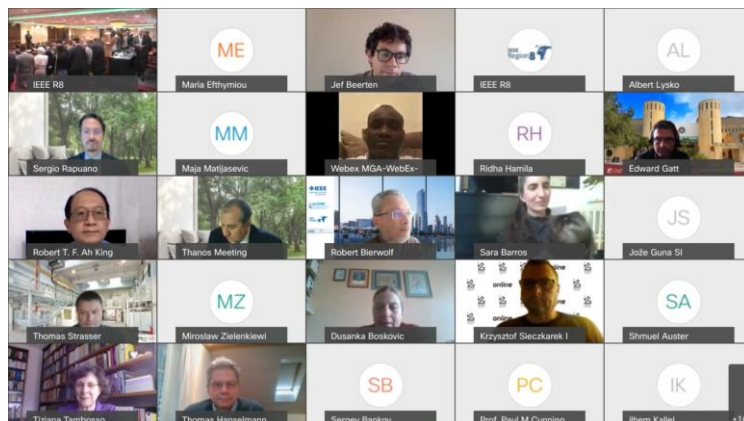
Bary Tilton, R2 Director, and "IEEE as Your Professional Home" AdHoc Committee Chair, presents the goals and work of this new IEEE AdHoc. Following his presentations, questions from the members of the R8 Committee are answered.

### 24. Discussion – Public policy in IEEE (Neppel)

Clara Neppel, Senior Director of European Business Operations at IEEE Technology Centre GmbH in Vienna, presents the work of IEEE Public Policy Committee and European Public Policy Committee (EPPC). Following her presentation, Neppel and Jef Beerten (on-line), European Public Policy Committee Chair, answer questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### 25. Procedural – Group photo

The Secretary Karadzinov gives instructions about the setup for the group photo. The R8 Treasurer Jastrzebski presents information and more details about the social events, the city tour and the gala dinner.



## 26. Discussion – Breakout sessions

The R8 Committee convened in three breakout sessions from 15:55 h CEST until 16:45 h CEST:

- Humanitarian efforts in current conflicts, Room Baltic 1
- Conference organization, Room Baltic 2
- Financial reporting, Room Baltic 3

## 27. Procedural – End of Day 1

The meeting recessed at 16:45 h CEST. Reconvene at 8:00am CET on Sunday.

## Awards and certificates of appreciation presented at the gala dinner (19:30h CEST)

Magdalena Salazar-Palma, Awards and Recognitions Subcommittee Chair, presents the following awards and certificates of appreciation during the gala dinner in the restaurant Belvedere – Cafe Łazienki Królewskie, Warszawa:

### Region 8 Awards

1. Region 8 Outstanding Section Award - Large, to the IEEE Germany Section;
2. Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Student Volunteer Award, to Mariem Souissi;
3. Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award, to IEEE Turkey Young Professionals Affinity Group;
4. Region 8 SIGHT Student Branch of the Year Award, to IEEE BAU SIGHT;
5. Region 8 Women in Engineering Section Affinity Group of the Year Award, to IEEE Turkey Section Women in Engineering Affinity Group;
6. Region 8 Women in Engineering Student Affinity Group of the Year Award, to IEEE WIE ESPRIT Student Affinity Group.

### Certificates of appreciation

IEEE Region 8 in its 60th anniversary proudly expressed sincere appreciation to Past R8 Directors, for outstanding service, dedication and contributions to build IEEE Region 8, present in-person at this meeting:

R9 Director 2009-2010, Józef W. Modelski;  
R8 Director 2011-2012, Marko Delimar;  
R8 Director 2013-2014, Martin Bastiaans;

R8 Director 2015-2016, Costas Stasopoulos;  
R8 Director 2017-2019, Margaretha Eriksson; and  
R8 Director 2019-2020, Magdalena Salazar Palma.

Certificates of appreciation are also presented to the outgoing 2019-2020 OpCom members: Margaretha Eriksson, Ana Madureira, Adeel Sultan, Maciej Borowka and Sohaib Sheikh; and to Sections that have organized the past in-person or hybrid R8 Committee and OpCom meetings (Benelux, Austria, Portugal, Italy, Lithuania and Germany Sections).

## SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

### 28. Procedural – Call to order (Luque)

The IEEE R8 Director Antonio Luque, calls the Committee to order at 08:10 h CEST on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 and opens the second day of the 118th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting.

### 29. Procedural – Introduction to day 2 (Luque)

The R8 Director Antonio Luque introduces the agenda of the second day. He asks the Committee to have the agenda point 39 (Executive Session – Election of zone representative) before the agenda point 36 as it requires secret voting, thus to give enough time to the tellers to count the votes and announce the results before the end of the meeting. This proposal is accepted. He also welcomes the presence of the Parliamentarian Michael Malamut (on-line) and the IEEE MGA Managing Director Cecelia Jankowski (on-line).

### 30. Discussion – Vice Chair Technical Activities report (Nagy)

Peter Nagy, R8 Vice-Chair Technical Activities, presents highlight of the activities under his portfolio and invites each subcommittee chairs to present their activities: Andrejs Romanovs, Chair, Chapter Coordination Subcommittee; Habib Kammoun, Chair, Conference Coordination Subcommittee; Conrad Attard, Chair, Professional and Educational Activities Subcommittee; John Matogo (on-line), Chair, Action for Industry Subcommittee; Tuncer Baykas, Chair, Standards Coordination Subcommittee. After the presentations, all presenters answer the questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

Habib Kammoun, Chair of the Conference Coordination Subcommittee, presents motions to approve the selection of organizers and sites for the next R8 flagship conferences:



**Motion Approval of R8 portfolio conference - HISTELCON 2023**

RESOLVED that the organization of the 2023 HISTELCON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: 2023 8th IEEE History of Telecommunications Conference (HISTELCON)

Dates: 7-9 September 2023

Venue: Antica Canonica di San Giovanni, Florence, Italy

General co-chairs: Giuseppe Pelosi, Massimo Guarneri

Number of participants: 90 (Hybrid)

Registration fee: in person: \$180-\$220 / online: \$90-\$110 (reduced-regular)

Budget: \$14,000 incomes, \$11,200 expenses, \$2,800 (25%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% (\$840) of the surplus

**Motion Approval of R8 flagship conference - ENERGYCON 2024**

RESOLVED that the organization of the 2024 ENERGYCON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: 2024 8th IEEE Energy Conference (ENERGYCON)

Dates: 4-7 March 2024

Venue: Qatar University, Doha, Qatar

General co-chairs: Ridha Hamila, Nasser Al-Emadi

Number of participants: 330

Registration fee: \$300-\$500 (reduced-regular)

Budget: \$156,500 incomes, \$129,550 expenses, \$26,950 (20.8%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% (\$8,520) of the surplus

**Motion Approval of R8 flagship conference - Melecon 2024**

Resolved that the organization of the 2024 MELECON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: 2024 22nd IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference (MELECON)

Dates: 25-27 June 2024

Venue: Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Porto, Portugal

General co-chairs: Ana Maria Madureira, Catarina Silva, Rodolfo Oliveira

Expected Number of participants: 200

Registration fee: \$50-300 (reduced-regular)

Budget: \$34,200 incomes, \$28,750 expenses, \$5,450 (19%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% (\$1,635) of the surplus

The motions are voted and approved without objection.

**31. Discussion – Vice Chair Student Activities report (Akar)**

Simay Akar, R8 Vice Chair for Student Activities, introduces her team and presents the SAC activities report. Theodoros Chatzinikolaou, R8 Regional Student Representative, present the students membership and student branches statistics. Vera Markovic, R8 Student Paper Contest Coordinator, presents the winners of the 2021 contest. Then Simay Akar presents two motions:

**Motion Student Branch of the Year Award Proposal**

RESOLVED that R8 Committee preliminarily approves the award Student Branch of the Year Award as presented and that it will be submitted to the MGA ARC for review.

**Motion Continuation IEEE Student Branch Website Contest at R8**

RESOLVED that R8 Committee preliminarily approves the continuation of IEEE Student Branch Website Contest at R8 level while not being organized by IEEE MGA Student Activities Committee and that it will be submitted to the MGA ARC for review.

Discussion follows and questions are answered. The motions are voted and passed with no opposition.

Then all presenters answer questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

**32. Discussion – Vice Chair Member Activities report (Barros)**

Sara Pena Barros, R8 Vice Chair for Membership Activities, introduces the member activities team and invites each sub-committee chairs to present their activities: Vinko Lescic, Past Chair, Young Professionals Subcommittee; Peter Magyar (on-line), Chair, Life Members Subcommittee; Maria-Alexandra Paun (on-line), Chair, Women in Engineering Subcommit-

tee; Martin Bastiaans, Chair, History Activities Subcommittee; Mohamed Amin, Chair, Careers AdHoc; and Abdullateef Aliyu (on-line), Chair, Humanitarian Activities Subcommittee. All presenters answered questions from the members of the R8 Committee.

### **33. Motion – Entrepreneurship initiative (Barros / El Jamal)**

Rawane El-Jamal, Young Professionals Subcommittee member and Chair of the R8 Entrepreneurship AdHoc, presents the activities of the Entrepreneurship Initiative team in the past years supported by the IEEE Foundation and jointly coordinated by the R8 Young Professionals Subcommittee and R8 Professional and Educational Activities Sub-committee. Then she presents the plans for continuing the activities in 2022 as a new R8 Ad-Hoc Committee. Rawane El-Jamal present a motion to reconfirm endorsement from R8 Committee to the appointment of the Entrepreneurship Ad-Hoc Committee. Discussion follows and questions are answered. The motion is voted and approved without objection.

#### **Motion Entrepreneurship AdHoc**

Resolved that the new Ad-Hoc on Entrepreneurship, its program, timeline, and budget, shall be, and are hereby approved as presented.

### **34. Motion – Formation of Ethiopia Subsection (Salazar-Palma)**

Magdalena Salazar-Palma, R8 Past Director, presents the motion that comes from the R8 Section Vitality and Development Subcommittee, for approval of the formation of Ethiopia R8 Subsection. The motion is presented, question is answered that it is R8 and MGA past and present recommendation and policy first to form Subsections and later elevate it as a Section. The R8 Director Antonio Luque explains that the Subsection formation will be official after the motion is sent to the MGA Board for final approval, at the next meeting in June 2022. The motion is voted and approved without objection.

#### **Motion – Formation of Ethiopia Subsection**

Resolved that the Region 8 Committee approves the formation of Ethiopia Subsection with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of the country of Ethiopia.

### **35. Procedural – Break**

The R8 Director Antonio Luque informs that after the break the meeting will reconvene in an executive session for election of Zone Representative. Members allowed to attend are: voting members (OpCom, Section Chairs or appointed alternates), current and past members of IEEE Boards of Directors/Directors Elect, the Executive Director and members of Management Council, IEEE Parliamentarian, Electronic Communication Coordinators George and Maria, and the proposed three Zone Representative candidates only during the Q&A part. All other participants shall reconvene at approximately 12:15 h CEST. The prerecorded videos of the three Zone Representative candidates' position statements (Albert Lysko, Habib Kammoun and Vincent Kaabunga) are played on the screen during the break.

### **38. Discussion – Region realignment (Luque)**

R8 Director Antonio Luque explains the results of the Region realignment discussions and presents the MGA Board motions approved at the November 2021 and February 2022 meeting that resolve the 2-tiered Region - Sub-region (Zone) concept; whereas in Region 8, zones will serve only as increased representation, and the 2022 Zone Representative will participate at the MGA Board meetings. This MGA Board motions is basis for the election of the zone representative. Discussion follows about the Zone boundaries and questions are answered.

### **39. Executive Session – Election of zone representative (Salazar-Palma)**

The R8 Committee convenes in an executive session from 11:54 h until 12:33 h (CEST). After the tellers count the votes (12:43h), Magdalena Salazar-Palma, Chair, Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee, announces the results before the agenda point 41 (13:10 h CEST):

**Election results:** The elected 2022 Region 8 (Africa and Middle East) Zone Representative at the MGA Board meetings is **Habib Kammoun**.

### **36. Motion – Bylaws and Operations Manual (Salazar-Palma)**

The R8 Past Director Magdalena Salazar Palma presents the proposed changes to the R8 Bylaws and R8 Operations Manual. The motions are presented. The R8 Director Luque explains the simple majority is needed for the modifications of the Region 8 Operations Manual, and 2/3 majority for the Region 8 Bylaws. Discussion follows.

Marko Delimar, R8 Director 2011-2012, proposes a friendly amendment to the Region 8 Bylaws, R8-3.1.7 VICE CHAIRS: "Their term of office shall be for one two years. They cannot be re-elected for a second consecutive term." to add "for the

same position". The R8 Director Luque agrees that is the intention of the text of the proposed change, and asks the IEEE Parliamentarian Michael Malamut can this amendment be accepted, as they must be sent 28 days in advance to the R8 Committee. Michael Malamut, explains that amendments from the floor that are in the scope of the notice, like this one, and are a small change to clarify, are acceptable and don't need prior notice. A motion to amend the text of R8-3.1.7 VICE CHAIRS is made by Peter Nagy, seconded, voted by opposition, the motion passes accepted unanimously.

**Motion to amend the proposed change of the R8 Bylaws, paragraph R8-3.1.7 Vice Chairs**

Resolved, to add "for the same position" at the end of the presented change to the Region 8 Bylaws, paragraph R8-3.1.7 VICE CHAIRS.

The motions to modify the Bylaws and Operations Manual are voted by raised hands in-person and on-line, and approved without objection. The two motions pass by unanimously vote (no opposition, no abstains).

**Motion Region 8 Operations Manual**

Resolved, that modifications to the Region 8 Operations Manual are approved by the Region 8 Committee as presented.

**Motion Region 8 Bylaws**

Resolved, that modifications to the Region 8 Bylaws as presented are recommended by the Region 8 Committee, and shall be submitted to the MGA Board for approval.

**40. Discussion – Next meeting (Luque)**

R8 Director Antonio Luque informs that the next R8 Committee meeting is planned to be held 15-16 Oct 2022, in Cairo, Egypt (tentative venue) and asks the committee members to save the dates. Ahmed Yousef, Egypt Section Chair, expresses gratefulness that his proposal is accepted and his pleasure and honor to host it. Then Luque invites expressions of interest to host the Spring 2023 R8 Committee meeting. Discussion follows and questions are answered.

**41. Procedural – New business (Luque)**

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, explains details about the NextGen Concur expenses claim from this meeting, using the Level 4 budget code (9.01.102) 102: R8 Committee Meeting Summer- Travel.

Antonio Luque, R8 Director, informs that Vinko Lesic is the new Region 8 News Editor in Chief, and the new issue is almost ready. Margaretha Eriksson, Region 8 News Editorial Board member invites committee members to submit articles for the next issue.

Hadi Kanaan, Lebanon Section Vice-Chair, asks for creation of a new R8 flagship conference in the Middle East. Peter Nagy, R8 VC Technical Activities, answers and gives possible options.

Ala Khalifeh, Jordan Section Chair, comments on the R8 web site structure and IEEE web templates for Sections. Vincenzo Piuri, R8 Director Elect, explains the restructure of the R8 web content started some time ago with an AdHoc, comments and suggestions are welcome, the outcome of this work will be presented soon. Albert Lysko (on-line), Chapters Coordination SC Past Chair, reminds from past experience when changes to the R8 web pages were made, to take care all current content to be preserved.

John Funso, Nigeria Section Chair, expresses his satisfaction that there were company presentations in the lobby and projects presentations at the previous R8 meeting, and suggest to continue this practice as it adds value to the meeting.

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, proposes establishment of an R8 AdHoc committee on humanitarian actions to help refugee colleagues from Ukraine crisis, not only IEEE members, that shall be established by R8 Director, and explains the purpose of this AdHoc. John Funso Adebayo, Nigeria Section Chair, reports on the results from the Saturdays breakout sessions on Humanitarian efforts in current conflicts, coordinated by Fairouz Fattoum, Humanitarian Activities Subcommittee member (absent from the room). Actions discussed are focusing on: (1) how to bring students back to school and engage them properly; (2) help research for the academics; (3) involvement in the hackaton; (4) possibilities to provide discounted or free IEEE membership. Jastrzebski presents the text of the motion and explains the purpose of the AdHoc:

**R8 AdHoc Committee on Humanitarian Action to Help Ukrainian Colleagues**

**Purpose:**

To coordinate humanitarian actions within the Region to provide help to refugees from Ukraine, both IEEE members and other engineers, scientists, researchers, academics and students, in finding professional job places and access to university courses.

To coordinate humanitarian action within the Region to help students in Ukraine whose Universities have been forced by the war to close their teaching to access university courses virtually in other countries.

To manage an information hub which will show the details of the help offered within the region.

To collaborate with humanitarian organizations to pass the information to and from the refugees.

To involve the IEEE members from Ukraine to propagate the information about the R8 hub.

**Motion:**

The Region 8 Committee recommends the formation of an Ad-Hoc committee with the above purpose.

Discussion follows with only affirmative views and none in opposition. The motion is voted and passes with only 1 vote against. The R8 Director Antonio Luque says he is happy to appoint the AdHoc and invites suggestions about the composition of the AdHoc to be send to him by email.

Mohamed Amin, Careers AdHoc SC Chair, proposes to create a R8 company portfolio (e.g. pamphlet, leaflet, couple of slides) for "externals", explaining what IEEE and R8 is, when speaking to companies. The R8 Director Luque agrees and invites him to lead the team to create it.

**42. Procedural – Adjourn (Luque)**

Region 8 Director Antonio Luque thanks all for taking part in the meeting, those who helped its organization, and summarizes the achievements of this meeting. Salazar Palma and Karadzinov thank Antonio for his hard work and Poland Section and local volunteers for excellent organization. The meeting adjourns at 13:44 PM CEST.

Respectfully submitted,

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IEEE R8 Secretary

**Appendixes – Motions full text:**

Agenda point 5. Approval of the consent agenda (Luque)

SUBJECT: Correction to the operating agreement for the RTSI conference series

SUBJECT: Affirmation of the 2022 budget approved electronically

SUBJECT: Approval of appointed non-voting members of the 2022 Region 8 Committee

Agenda point 30. Vice Chair Technical Activities report (Nagy)

SUBJECT: Approval of R8 portfolio conference - HISTELCON 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of R8 flagship conference - ENERGYCON 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of R8 flagship conference - MELECON 2024

Agenda point 31. Vice Chair Student Activities report (Akar)

SUBJECT: Student Branch of the Year Award Proposal

SUBJECT: Continuation IEEE Student Branch Website Contest at R8

Agenda point 33. Entrepreneurship initiative (Barros / El Jamal)

SUBJECT: New initiative on Entrepreneurship

Agenda point 34. Formation of Ethiopia Subsection (Salazar-Palma)

SUBJECT: Approval of Ethiopia Subsection

Agenda point 36. Bylaws and Operations Manual (Salazar-Palma)

SUBJECT: Region 8 Bylaws proposal (changes highlighted)

SUBJECT: Region 8 Operations Manual proposal (changes highlighted)