

Vice-Chair Member Activities

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Goals

The goal of the Vice-Chair Member Activities (MA) is to coordinate the several subcommittees by providing them with the resources and landscape necessary to operate efficiently as a whole and serve our members the best we can.

For the specific goals of each subcommittee, please refer to their individual reports.

Structural changes in 2022:

- The R8 News Committee has both been moved from Member Activities to a centralised Publications&Communications Committee, aligning our printed and online efforts and presence;
- The Electronics Communications Committee is now working closely with the Secretary and with the Publications&Communications Committee, moving thus away from Member-Activities;
- The Entrepreneurship Initiative initially launched by the Young Professionals Committee back in 2015 has spinned-off and been approved as an AdHoc Committee during the Region 8 Committee Spring Meeting 2022 in Warsaw, Poland.

Status

The details of each committee's activities can be found on their individual reports.

In order to stimulate exchange of information and experiences, monthly meetings are held with all the MA Chairs on the second Tuesday of each month. The subcommittee Chairs have also been engaged to establish a direct communication link with all Section Chairs and encourage them to appoint local representatives/ambassadors to conduct activities and interface with the Region 8 subcommittee Chairs (e.g. History Coordinator, establishment of SIGHT Section Groups, WiE Affinity Groups, YP representatives / Young Professionals Affinity Groups, Life Member Affinity Groups and more).

While part of the subcommittees under MA focus on a certain age-group (as Young Professionals or Life-Members), other subcommittees serve the members with a specific interest (as Humanitarian Activities, Women in Engineering or

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Entrepreneurship Initiative) and others operate transversely to multiple membership segments (as Membership Development, History Activities or Career Services). In order for the transversal subcommittees to reach out to the complete A to Z of our membership, cooperation with the subcommittees that have the experience with and knowledge of a bounded segment is paramount. In order to facilitate this, an extensive liaison network was introduced in 2021. These liaisons have been appointed not only within MA, but also cross-VC to the Technical Activities Subcommittees and to the Student Activities Committee. The framework has been maintained in 2022.

Highlights

/to be updated closer to the meeting date

Outlook

During this year, the committee efforts were focused on re-engaging our volunteers during a long (COVID) isolation period, listening to their needs, revitalising OUs, training volunteers locally and helping finding new ones to the positions that became vacant in the past couple of years due to the COVID crisis.

Since the Summer, the Committees are also preparing the transition to 2023, by finding and suggesting new volunteers, redacting Operations Manuals and closing up on their open actions.

Points of Concern

- Successful volunteer transition with a scarce post-COVID pipeline;
- Potential decrease of membership along the YP segment after discontinuation of FUTURE50 discount code (potentially affecting retention and recruitment of Graduate Student Members);
- (x)-SYP Congresses guidance and supervision - feedback from organisers and possible revision of framework;
- Reduced 2023 budget, going back to pre-COVID numbers - adapt activities and programs?