Chapter Coordination Committee (ChCC) Anna Litvinenko

Goals
The following goals for Chapter Coordination Committee were approved for Year 2023:

1. Monitoring current state of IEEE Region 8 Chapters.
   - New Chapters. Promote the formation of new chapters based on data from OU units and liaisons with Sections. KPI: 2 reports
   - Inactive Chapters. Facilitate Sections and Societies / Councils to revitalize inactive chapters. KPI: 2 reports

2. Collecting and promoting best practices relevant to opening, revitalizing and running successful Chapters. KPI:
   - Organization of Annual Chapter Panorama event

3. Organization of the R8 ChCC awards ceremony. KPI:
   - Revision of awarding procedure (1 awarding procedure)
   - 1st announcement of Year Best awards (direct mails to section and chapter chairs, e-notice, facebook news)
   - 2nd announcement of Year Best awards (direct mails to section and chapter chairs, e-notice, facebook news)
   - R8 ChCC awards evaluation

4. R8 Chapter Chairs training. KPI:
   - 1 Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in the beginning of 2023
   - 1 Speech on Region event
   - 1 Chapter Panorama
   - 1 Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in the beginning of 2024

Progress against goals since the last report

1. Monitoring current state of R8 Chapters:
   - Report on potential chapters in R8 is made as analysis of IEEE R8 growth

2. Collecting and promoting best practices relevant to opening, revitalizing and running successful Chapters:
   - Organized Second Chapter Panorama event at December 2022
   - Planned Chapter Panorama event at Q4 2023.

3. Organization of the R8 ChCC awards ceremony:
   - Best Chapter Awards have been announced: 2022 Year Best awards for Society Chapters and 2022 Year Best awards for Student Branch Chapters, with three categories for each (Small, Middle and Large)
   - Confirmed awarding committee for 2023 awarding ceremony
   - Revised awarding procedure for 2023 awarding ceremony
   - Prepared 1st announcement of 2023 Year Chapter Awards Call

4. R8 Chapter Chairs training:
   - Organized Chapter Panorama on Q4 2022
   - Organized Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in the beginning of 2023 (February 2023, Glasgow)
   - Planned Chapter Panorama on Q4 2023
   - Planned Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in the beginning of 2024

5. Others:
   - Proposal for new awarding category for 2024 awarding ceremony: 2024 Year Best awards for Society Chapters and 2024 Year Best awards for Student Branch Chapters: the new-established chapter.
   - Proposal on Speech on Region event in Africa for promotion of new chapter establishment and management, as training event has been held in Europe.

R8 Chapter Coordination Statistics & Trends
Overall status:

- 37,075 members of Societies
- 648 Active Chapters
- 576 Active Student Branch Chapters

Status on new chapters created since last meeting:

- 13 new Chapters are created
- 52 new Student Branch Chapters are created

Top Societies in R8 by March 2023

Top 5 Sections with largest Chapter number:

- Tunisia Section - 148 Chapters
- Turkey Section - 110 Chapters
- United Kingdom and Ireland Section - 72 Chapters
- Italy Section - 50 Chapters
- Egypt Section - 47 Chapters

Top 5 Societies with largest R8 member number:

- IEEE Computer Society - 146 Chapters incl. 97 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Power and Energy Society - 152 Chapters incl. 104 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Society - 97 Chapters incl. 71 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Industry Application Society - 108 Chapters incl. 71 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Communication Society - 89 Chapters incl. 39 Student Branch Chapters

IEEE Region 8 Chapters of the Year Awards Winners for 2022
IEEE Region 8 has over 1000 technical Chapters and Student Branch Chapters running exciting technical events and connecting the members to the resources of Societies, Sections and the Region. Every year, all these Chapters have the opportunity to apply for the IEEE Region 8 “Chapter of the Year Award”.

Winning Technical Chapters in 2022 awards (for 2021 efforts):
R8 Chapter of the Year Award – Large: Tunisia Section Computer Society Chapter
R8 Chapter of the Year Award – Small: Jordan Section Robotics and Automation Society Chapter

Winning Student Branch Chapters (SBC) in 2022 awards (for 2021 efforts):
R8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award – Large: ESPRIT Student Branch Industry Applications Society Chapter, Tunisia Section
R8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award – Medium: American University of Sharjah Student Branch IEEE-HKN Lambda Lambda Chapter, United Arab Emirates Section
R8 Student Branch Chapter Award – Small: ESPRIT Student Branch Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society Chapter, Tunisia Section

Chapter Panorama

The Chapter Panorama includes Chapter basic principles, selected Societies talks, best practices from Best Chapter awardees, thus linking Societies and Sections/Student Branches, educating Chapter volunteers and inspiring prospective Societies and IEEE Members, ensuring enhanced technical interests within Region 8.

Chapter Coordination Committee has organized the annual virtual two-day long event - Chapter Panorama held in December 2022. During the event the best practices of R8 Chapters of the 2022 year have been shared and promoted from:

- IEEE Jordan Section Robotics and Automation Society Chapter
- American University of Sharjah Student Branch IEEE-HKN Lambda Lambda Chapter, United Arab Emirates Section
- ESPRIT Student Branch Industry Applications Society Chapter, Tunisia Section
- ESPRIT Student Branch Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society Chapter, Tunisia Section
- Tunisia Section Computer Society Chapter

Moreover the special talks from Societies have been given by a representative of IEEE Industry Applications Society for Research Enhancement and Career Development - PhD Wei-Jen Lee, President (2021-2022) IEEE IAS. In addition, some basics on IEEE and chapter activities have been presented by Andrejs Romanovs and Albert Lysko. Second Chapter Panorama issue was a very inspiring and a successful event ensuring enhanced technical interests with the region. Many thanks and congratulations to all attendees and organizers. To continue this great tradition, the next issue of Chapter Panorama will be scheduled for Q4 2023.

Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training

Chapter Coordination Committee in the close end synergic collaboration with Membership Development Committee has organized the common training event for Chapters chairs and Section and MD chairs. Both committees are thankful for
event hosting to IEEE UK & Ireland Section and opening speech to its representative prof. Izzet Kale. The IEEE Region 8 Vice Chairs Vinko Lesic and Marios Antoniou have presented the main trends and news of IEEE Region 8. The past chairs of Chapter Coordination Committee and Membership Development Committee - Andrejs Romanovs and Mike Hinchey presented history, strategy, and current values. Moreover, the training on technical activities for Chapters chairs have been provided by Anna Litvinenko and Albert Lysko, while for Section and MD chairs by Mariya Antyufeyeva, Andrejs Romanovs and Mike Hinchey. The participants have emphasized the especial importance of the advanced skills on the IEEE tools (vTools, IEEE OU Analytics) gained during the training, as well additional value of created Chapter Activities Plans and MD Activities Plans based on the gained knowledge and shared best practices. We are thankful for the involvement of all presenters and participants, which resulted in an efficient best practice sharing among IEEE community members. To consolidate the effectiveness of the event the next training event is planned for Q1 2024.

Points of Concern & Proposals for improvements

To stimulate new chapter establishment the Chapter Coordination Committee has proposed a new category for Chapter Awarding - 2024 Year Best awards for Society Chapters and 2024 Year Best awards for Student Branch Chapters: the new-established chapter.

To promote new chapters establishment and efficient Chapters management, enhance Societies involvement into chapters activities in Region 8, share best practices from Best Chapter awardees, the Chapter Coordination Committee has proposed special talks, speeches, sessions on regional events, especially on the flagship conferences. In 2023 special attention could be given to Africa and Middle East regions, as Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training has been held in the European part of IEEE Region 8.