Vice Chair – Student Activities

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Goals

1. Decentralize the operation of Student Activities Committee (SAC) into smaller manageable units with a plan to evolve into a standing committee in the future.

   **KPI:** Established min of 3 Ad-hoc with Clear responsibilities by Q2 -2023

2. Promote good communication between student members, counselors, and the Student Activities Committee.

   **KPI:** 100% dissemination of information as it relates to respective SB, SBC, SB AG leadership using appropriate tools and platforms.

3. Improve student membership experience in the region and promote membership growth, Membership Development initiatives.

   **KPI:** Conduct a survey twice a year targeted to student branch leadership and ensure min of 10 training Virtual/In-person to address concerns in 2023.

   Reach out to non-active student branches while targeting to improve the active involvement of 20% of non-active student branches while working with student branches to appoint/nominate membership development officers in active student branches by end of the year.

4. Increase collaboration with other OUs YP/WIE/HuAc/ AfI

   **KPI:** Collaborate 100% with YP, WIE, HuaC, and AfI on student-related initiatives year-round.

5. Increase awareness of varieties of Student programs, events, Contests/competitions.

   **KPI:** Restructure the content of the SAC website for ease of understanding by end of Q2 while intensifying social media content.

   Conduct and complete the student paper contest for 2023 and initiate the 2024 edition of the contest.

6. Supporting xSYP/SYP and making sure the success of the flagship congress.

   **KPI:** Work closely with Young Professional AG and provide 100% support to the respective host of the 2023 Cross-Sectional Congresses by providing templates that will aid the success of the congress.

7. Recognize Excellence with Awards

   **KPI:** Reach out 100% to qualified leadership of student branches to apply to MGA and Regional awards during the open call while providing content for each category that will aid their application.

Status

1. **Established min of 3 Ad-Hoc with clear responsibility**

1. **Student Activities Ad hoc Committee formation Update**

   4 ad-hoc Committee now Constituted as follows:

   **Ad-hoc Committee on Contests, Awards, and Recognitions** - Vera Markovic (Chair)

   This committee is responsible for the Student Paper contests, IEEE Xtreme Competition, IEEE Duino Competition, R8 Students Awards, MGA Awards, and Other Student competitions in Region 8.

   **Ad-hoc Committee on Training and Leadership Support** - Khaldoun Taktak (Chair)

   This committee trains, coordinates, and generates feedback from the student branch Chair, Student branch Counselor, and Student Branch Chapters. Provide orientation to newly formed student branches, Student branch chapters, and affinity groups. Basically, working closely with the respective student branches, and student branch chapters in the Region. Affinity Groups to understand their needs and provide services that meet the needs.

   **Ad-hoc Committee on New Initiatives** - Vildana Hrnjić (Chair)

   Responsible for working closely with other OU and committees on student-related initiatives collaboration from Ideation to implementation within IEEE or outside of IEEE on new Initiatives.
Ad-hoc Electronics Communications – Fay Elhassan (Chair)

This committee is responsible for all student activities digital communications. The are the custodian of all social media medium, the maintain the website and also share all student related content on the respective platform for students.

Ad hoc on Digital Content Communications was established in January 2024.

2. Promote good communication between student members, counselors, and the Student Activities Committee

1. Annual Plan Reporting

Student branch annual plan reporting was due on 1st February 2024 but was later extended to the 15th of March 2024 as compared to 2023 that was April. The Team proactively sent out multiple emails and used WhatsApp platforms to reach respective Chairs of SB, SBC, and Counselors on the need to submit the Annual plan. A total of 341 annual plans are now reported and we look forward to more submission before the 15th of March date.

The table below shows the progress recorded thus far compared to previous years.

![Figure 2: Student Annual plan submission Chart.](image-url)
Several email notifications on the status of all student branches were sent to the 59 sections’ student branches leadership that include Chair, Section Chair, and section student representative providing guidance on the status of student branches and what is required to keep them active.

Dissolution of Student branches – MGA communicated 46 students branch list of inactive student branches since 2018. Impacting 14 Sections and 4 Student Branches outside Section, feedback received from 11 Section Chairs out of 14.

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| Total | 46 | 28 |

IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board – 18 November 2023 gave the approval to dissolve 18 student branches in region 8 as advised as first phase of dissolution out of the total of 205 SB dissolved across all Regions.
Table 3. R8 Dissolved Student branches 2023

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SAC teams are following up with the rest of the student branches to ensure active in SAC programs.

Emails on status of students’ branches were sent in February 2024 to all Sections Chair, Student Representatives and Student Activities chairs in region 9.

2. Student Membership Statistic

Student membership is at \(31,649\) as of Dec 2023 which indicates a \(2211\) increase in the number of students membership compared to Dec 2023. This trend shows a 7.51\% increase in student membership compared to Dec 2023.

![Student YOY data](image-url)
3. Student Organizational Units

Table 5: Student Organization Units by Numbers

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Count Dec 2022</th>
<th>Count Dec 2023</th>
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<td>Student Affinity Groups</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>187</td>
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<td>573</td>
<td>643</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>29438</td>
<td>31649</td>
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4. Student OU Petition Status

A total of 142 petitions were received from student branches, student branch chapters, and student branch Affinity group, while not all petitions were approved, but about 84% of the submitted petitions were successful.

Table 6: Student Organization Units Petition Statistic 2023

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<td>Total</td>
<td>142</td>
<td>119</td>
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Some student branches were dissolved in 2023 bringing the final count of student branches in region 8 to 762.
3. Conduct survey twice a year targeted to student branch leadership

a. Successfully conducted surveys targeted to student branch chairs, student branch chapter Chairs, and Student branch counselors on how to improve respective student programs.

b. Successfully organize a webinar based on the suggestion of the survey in collaboration with MGA on Topic: How to lead your team and overcome transient Conflict. This recorded and can be viewed always on the Student Channels on IEEE TV: https://ieeetv.ieee.org/video/how-to-lead-your-team-and-overcome-conflicts

c. In addition to the above webinar, the team successfully organize the webinar on project management skills to plan successful events facilitated by Abdullateef Aliyu, R8 SAC Chair. The Recording can be found on IEEE.tv Students Channel https://ieeetv.ieee.org/channels/students

4. Increase collaboration with other OUs YP/WIE/HuAC/ etc.

SAC and YP are working side by side to coordinate cross-sectional successfully. Mentored each Cross-Sectional team by providing guidance to the cross-section to check on the health of the planned event. This ensures that all interested OU had the opportunity to participate and conduct workshops and sessions as these respective cross-sectionals.

5. Conduct and complete the student paper contest for 2023 and initiate the 2024 edition of the contest

Activities related to the R8 Student Paper Contest Oral Finals at EUROCON, Turin, Italy, 6-8 July is going on as planned, the team carried out the following:

- Intensive communications on daily basis with finalists, EUROCON General Chair, EUROCON technical staff, etc.
- Assistance to SPC finalists with preparing and uploading camera-ready papers for EUROCON
- Solving finalists’ visa issues
- Providing accommodation for finalists at EDISU Residence in Turin

The local student paper contest call was also initiated:

- **First Call** for applications for the Local SPC Events Program, April 2023: 9 applications, 7 events approved.
- **Second Call** Local SPC, June 2023: 11 applications, 10 events approved.
- **Third Call** Local SPC, 15 September 2023: 2 applications, 1 event approved.

In total, 22 applications were received – 18 local SPC approved, from which 4 at the Section level, 14 at the Student Branch level.
• A new follow-up procedure designed to keep Local SPC organizers on the right track throughout every phase of implementation. Also, a WhatsApp Chat group is formed for faster communications with Local SPC organizers.

• 18 events were successfully held and decisions on winners made.

6. Supporting xSYP/SYP and making sure the success of the flagship congress

5 Cross sectionals were planned in 2023 of which four (4) were held successfully. These cross sectionals were assigned mentors and meetings were held to guide the hosting team on best practices for holding the congress.

1. Mentors were successfully assigned to all cross-sectionals from the AdHoc committee on training and leadership support.
2. Assisting the xSYP teams in striking the different available funding opportunities (IES funding, SPAx, etc.)
3. Held meetings with a host of xSYPs to provide support and guidance.
4. Reached out to R8 WIE to see how they can help.

Below are updates on the respective cross-sectional carried out thus far:

1. **African Student and Young Professionals Congress** – July 2023
   
   **Status** – Completed

   **Location:** Abuja, Nigeria
   **Venue:** Baze University
   **Participants** – 100+
   **keynotes** – 3
   **Plenary** - 20
   **Workshop** - 3
   **Tour** – Abuja Special Sites
2. **North African Student and Young Professionals Congress – August 2023**  
   Status – Completed

   ![Group Photo](image1)

   **Location:** Cairo, Egypt  
   **Venue:** Egypt University of Informatic  
   **Participants:** 100+  
   **Keynotes:** 11  
   **Panels:** 10  
   **Technical sessions:** 9  
   **Workshops:** 3  
   **Tour:** NMEC

3. **Western European Student and Young Professionals Congress September, 2023**  
   **Location:** Lausanne, Switzerland  
   **Venue:** EPFL Campus  
   **Participants:** 60+
4. Central European Student and Young Professionals Congress 30th Nov, 2023 – 3rd Dec, 2023

Location: Krakow, Poland

Venue: Cracow University of Technology

Participants- 90+

Keynotes – 6

Technical sessions- 4

Workshops- 8

Tour – Wieliczka Salt Mine

Company Visit: Cisco, Hitachi

The Middle East Student and young professionals Congress could not proceed a planned due to the unrest in the middle East, however, approval was provided for the organizer to hold the event in 2024 by February.

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<td>Amman</td>
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2024 Student and Young Professionals Congress:

With great collaboration with young professionals, the 2024 edition of the congress was awarded to Grenoble, France. The proposed date is the 15th through the 19th of July 2024. A kick-off meeting was held and the YP and SAC team are jointly working towards the success of the events. Online campaigns and website launch are ongoing.
6. Recognize Excellence with Awards

The MGA award announcement was supported by SAC. Video content promoting the awards and providing insights from previous winners of these awards on how to go about the nomination was created and shared with student branches.

Calls for various Region 8 awards are also announced using notices and social media pages.

The team evaluated all the awards for the Region and the results as follows:

- **Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award:** To be announced for R8
- **Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award:** Iraqy Ali Iraqy Benha University - Benha, Egypt Section
- **The Darrel Chong Student Activity Award**
  - **Gold**
    - Nile University Egypt Section
    - IEEE University of Mauritius Student Branch Mauritius Section
    - Bogazici University Turkey Section
    - Lebanese International University's Student Branch
  - **Silver**
    - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Benelux Section
    - IEEE ESPRIT Student Branch Tunisia Section
    - Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology Egypt Section
    - Nat’l Inst of Applied Sci & Tech (INSAT) Tunisia Section
  - **Bronze:**
    - Budapest Univ of Tech & Economics Student Branch Hungary Section
    - University of Cyprus Cyprus Section
    - Istanbul Univ-Cerrahpasa Turkey Section

- **Outstanding Branch Counselor and Branch Chapter Advisor Award**
  - Mohamed Neji IEEE ENETCOM Student Branch IAS & CS Chapters, Tunisia Section
  - Lotfi Saidi H S Sciences & Technologies H Sousse / ESSTHS, Tunisia Section
  - Heba M. Abd El-Atty Ahmed Port Said University, Egypt Section
  - Epaminondas Mitronikas University of Patras, Egypt Section
  - Anas Al Majali Hashemite University, Jordan Section

**Outlook**

1. Continuing with the highly impactful SAC programs this year that include Local Student paper contest, Collaborative programs, and respective competitions.
2. Continue to train Section Student Representatives
3. Region 8 Student and young professionals Congress in Grenoble France  
4. Call for application to host respective cross-Sectional Congress.  
5. Continue the effort to revive in active student branches.  
6. Promotion of IEEExtreme, IEEEDuino, and Hackathon

**Points of Concern**

1. SB Annul Reporting and SBs at the probation list.  
2. Student member recovery and retention  
3. Leadership transition within student branches

**Other Issues to report**

Appointment for student representative and student Activities Chairs in section.  
Vacant counselor role for student branches  
Activities reporting in Vtools