Chapter Coordination Committee (ChCC)　　　　　　　　　　　Anna Litvinenko

Goals

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 Virtual 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 Panorama
- 1 Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in the beginning of 2024

5. Revision of OP manual.

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
- Report on chapters vitality in R8 is made as analysis of IEEE R8 activity level

2. Collecting and promoting best practices relevant to opening, revitalizing and running successful Chapters:

- Chapter Panorama event at Q4 2023
- Scheduled Chapter Leadership Training in collaboration with the MD committee in 5-6 April in Skopje, North Macedonia

3. Organization of the R8 ChCC awards ceremony:

- Awarded R8 Best Chapters winners in Small, Middle, Large categories for Technical Chapters and Student Branch Chapters
- The financial prices have been transferred to awardees section or chapters
- Collected notes, comments, suggestions for awarding procedure improvement for 2024
- Prepared correction proposal for awarding procedure improvement for 2024

4. R8 Chapter Chairs training:

- Performed R8 Chapter Panorama in December 2023, a developed program was based on the chapter chairs survey results
- Scheduled Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training in 5-6 April in Skopje, North Macedonia in collaboration with the MD committee: https://r8.ieee.org/northmacedonia/2024-vlt/
- Closed the registration on the annual Chapter Leadership Training in collaboration with the MD committee. More than 60 applications were registered.
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5. Others:

- The committee has organized experience exchange between R8 and R10 on chapter coordination: participation in IEEE R10 Section Chapters Symposium 2023 on December 1-3 with Anna Litvinenko Chair of R8 Chapter coordination Committee invited talks; participation of R10 represener - Amit Kumar - Chair of IEEE R10 Section and Chapter Coordination Committee in Chapter panorama 15.12.2023; invitation of R10 representatives to VLT, in Skopje in April of 2024.

R8 Chapter Coordination Statistics & Trends

Region:	**R8**
IEEE Members:	**87,564**
Society Members:	**49,920**
Sections:	**59**
Subsections:	**13**
Chapters:	**647**
Affinity Groups:	**111**
Student Branches:	**762**
Student Affinity Groups:	**187**
Student Branch Chapters:	**643**

Information on statistic of R8 on the end of the year:

2021 - 625 Active Chapters & 439 Active Student Branch Chapters

2022 - 643 Active Chapters & 452 Active Student Branch Chapters

2023 - 653 Active Chapters & 623 Active Student Branch Chapters

Overall status:

- 49920 43059 members of Societies
- 647 Active Chapters
- 643 Active Student Branch Chapters
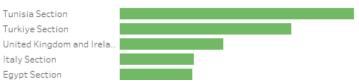
Trend in comparison with the last report :

- \+ 6861 members of Societies
- \+ 1 Technical Chapters
- \+ 32 Student Branch Chapters

Top Societies in R8 by February 2024

Top 5 Sections with largest Chapter number:

- Tunisia Section - 164 Chapters
- Turkey Section - 120 Chapters
- United Kingdom and Ireland Section - 73 Chapters

Chapters by Section

- Italy Section - 52 Chapters
- Egypt Section - 51 Chapters

Top 5 Societies with largest R8 member number:

- IEEE Computer Society - 157 Chapters incl. 108 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Power and Energy Society - 156 Chapters incl. 109 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Society - 105 Chapters incl. 78 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Industry Application Society - 111 Chapters incl. 74 Student Branch Chapters
- IEEE Communication Society - 94 Chapters incl. 42 Student Branch Chapters

Chapters by Society / Technical Council

IEEE Computer Society
IEEE Power & Energy Soci..
IEEE Robotics and Autom..
IEEE Industry Application..
IEEE Communications Soc..

IEEE Region 8 Chapters of the Year Awards Winners for 2023

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 2023 awards (for 2022 efforts):

R8 Chapter of the Year Award – Large: Tunisia Section Industry Applications Society Chapter

R8 Chapter of the Year Award – Medium: Spain Section Electron Devices Chapter

R8 Chapter of the Year Award – Small: Tunisia Section Education Society Chapter

Winning Student Branch Chapters (SBC) in 2023 awards (for 2022 efforts):

R8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award – Large: ENISo Student Branch Industry Applications Society Chapter, Tunisia Section

R8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award – Medium: Yarmouk University Computer Society Student Branch Chapter, Jordan Section,

R8 Student Branch Chapter Award – Small: Ss Cyril & Methodius University in Skopje SSCS Student Branch Chapter, North Macedonia 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 three-long event - Chapter Panorama held in December 2023.

The program of the Panorama 2023

December 13:
- Chapter Coordination Committee - Financial support of the chapters
- Invited talk - IEEE Computer Society - Eric Berkowitz (Director of Membership and Education)
- Best practices of Student Branch Chapters:
    - IEEE North Macedonia, University of Skopje
    - Computer Society Student Branch Chapter, Jordan Section
- Discussion on the Best Practices for Student Branch Chapters

December 14:
- Chapter Coordination Committee - Nomination on the Best Chapter Awards
- Invited talk - IEEE Power and Energy Society - Jessica Bian (PES President)
- Best practices of Technical Chapters :
    - IEEE IAS Tunisia Section Chapter
    - IEEE EdSoc Tunisia Chapter
- Discussion on the Best Practices for Technical Chapters

December 15:
- Chapter Coordination Committee - SWOT analysis of the chapter activity
- Invited talk - IEEE Region 10 Section Chapter Committee - Amit Kumar (Chair)
- Best practices of Chapters:
    - IEEE ED Spain Section
- Invited talk - Cross-section Technical Cooperation AdHoc - Muhammad Al-Brham (member)
- Discussion on the Best Practices Sharing among R8 and R10

The panorama program has been prepared based on the results of the chapter chairs survey.
Around 30-40 participants actively participated each day of the event. Third 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. The representatives from R8 largest Societies, R8 Best Chapter Awardees, R10 chapter coordination chair, R8 Cross-section Technical Cooperation AdHoc were very interested in participation in Panorama with giving invited speeches. R8 chapter chairs were interested to have discussion on different topics and share their opinion and practices. R8 chapter chairs were interested in getting Panorama materials after the event, especially on training from the R8 Chapter Coordination Committee representatives and R8 Best Chapter Awardees. R8 chapter chairs are interested in more virtual training, including the opportunity to make R8 VLT as a hybrid event. To continue this great tradition, the next issue of Chapter Panorama will be scheduled for Q4 2024.

Chapter Chair Training & MD Coordination Training

Chapter Coordination Committee in the close end synergic collaboration with Membership Development Committee will organize the common training event for Chapters chairs and Section and MD chair in April 5-6 2024 in North Macedonia, Skopje. Around 50 participants are planned.
During the planned training will be presented:
the main trends and news of IEEE Region 8
- the training on technical activities for Chapters chairs, Section and MD chairs
- advanced skills in the IEEE tools (vTools, IEEE OU Analytics)
- development of the Activities Plans for Chapters and MD actions based on gained knowledge and shared best practices

Collaboration with R10

The committee has organized experience exchange between R8 and R10 on chapter coordination:

- participation in IEEE R10 Section Chapters Symposium 2023 on December 1-3 with invited talks,
- participation of R10 representer - Amit Kumar - Chair of IEEE R10 Section and Chapter Coordination Committee in Chapter panorama 15.12.2023,

- invitation of R10 representatives to VLT, in Skopje in April of 2024.

The R8 and R10 Chapter Coordination committee has high potential to fertile each other:

- The R10 has a more complicated Sections distribution in comparison with R8. During the training on IEEE R10 Section Chapters Symposium many activities were devoted to introducing section and chapter chairs, networking, group tasks for developing efficient collaboration skills. These practices potentially could be useful for R8 training programs.
- The R10 chapter chairs the same as R8 chapter chairs are especially interested in training on financial support opportunities.
- The R10 chapter chairs are very interested in trayning in different aspects on ethical issues and IEEE standards in financial, conference organizing, publication aspects. These aspects also could be interesting for a part of chapters in R8, especially those who did not have the opportunity to participate in R8 VLT.
- Regular training had sufficiently increased the competence of chapter chairs in R10.
- R10 chapter chairs are also interested in collaboration with R8 chapters.
- During training in R10 actively has been used support of IEEE Volunteer Education, IEEE MGA Training Committee, IEEE MCE, Councils and Societies.

Proposals for improvements/Other Issues to report

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.

To include already established best practices of Chapter Coordination Committee activities the suggestion for OP manual improvement could be performed during 2024.